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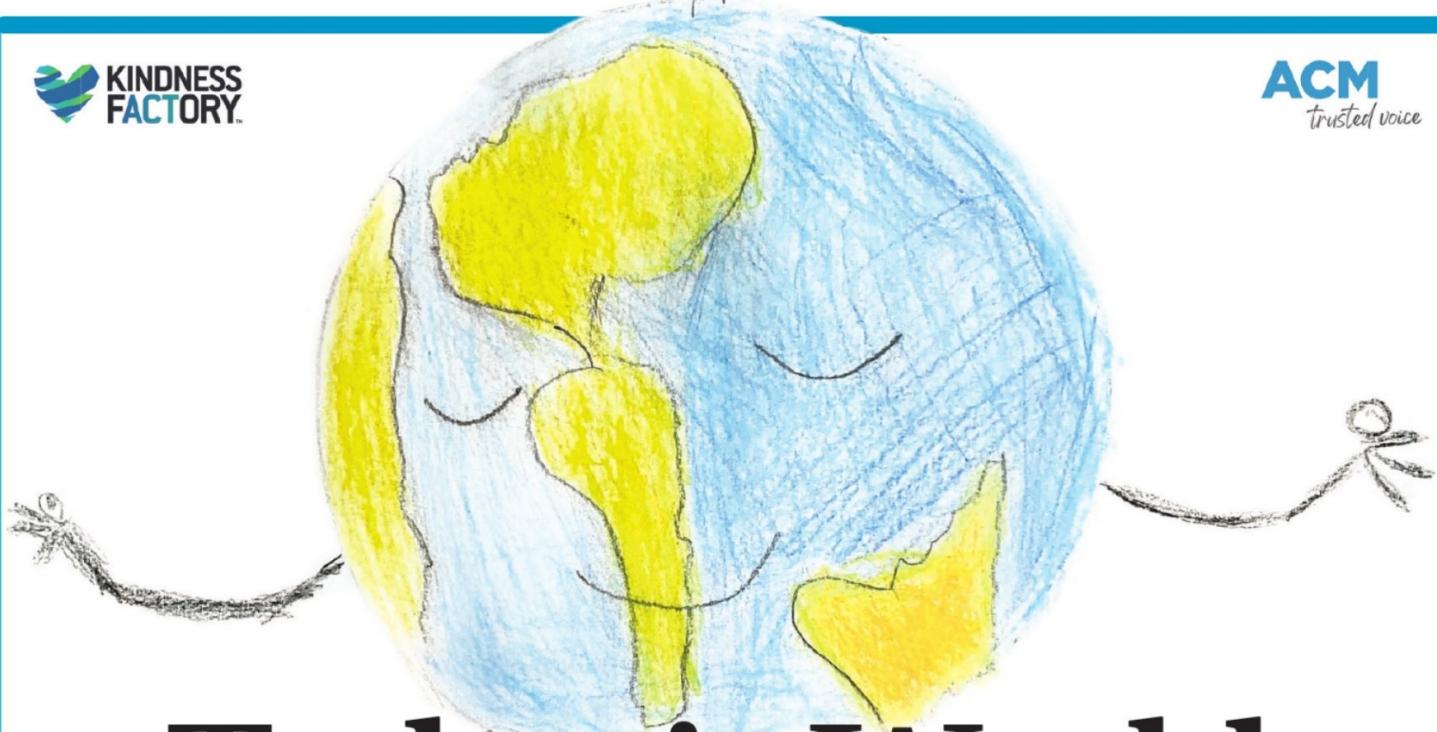
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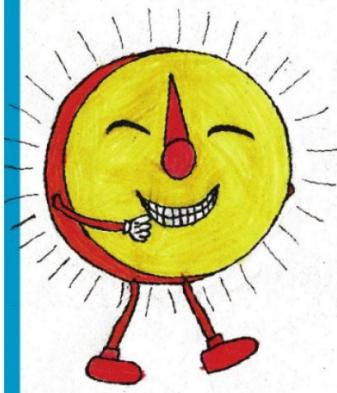
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## Today is World Kindness Day

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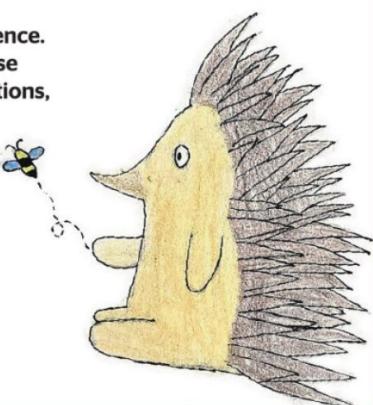


As part of the ACM network, *The Canberra Times* is proud to support the Kindness Factory's mission to make the world a kinder place. To mark World Kindness Day on November 13, we invited creative Aussie kids

aged 4 to 13 to help the Kindness Factory design mascots for each of the 12 attributes of kindness. Established in 2015 by Kath Koschel, the not-for-profit group encourages acts of generosity and thoughtfulness and offers educational resources to schools

to coach children in positivity and resilience. Today we showcase the winning illustrations, which will be featured in the Kindness Curriculum used in thousands of schools around Australia.

**DO YOU KNOW THE 12 ATTRIBUTES OF KINDNESS? LEARN MORE INSIDE**



**Helena Koutsourais**

Aged 8, St Thomas More's Primary School, Brighton-Le-Sands, NSW

**COLLABORATION**

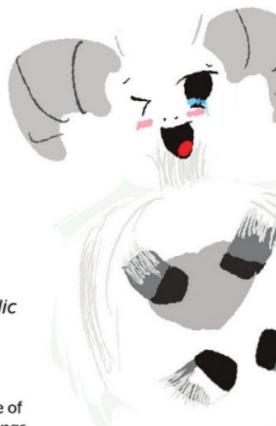
Collaboration is evident when a group of people come together and contribute their expertise for the benefit of a shared objective or project. Successful collaboration and team work requires communication (verbal, non-verbal, and written); active listening; social awareness; turn-taking; problem solving; respect and cooperative spirit.

**Aiden Daniels**

Aged 8, Hannam Vale Public School, NSW

**COMPASSION**

Compassion is the capacity to understand the emotional state of another and have genuine feelings for other people's circumstances and feel motivated to support and assist. Compassion requires action. It is not a skill you can learn simply by watching; a truly compassionate person becomes an active participant.



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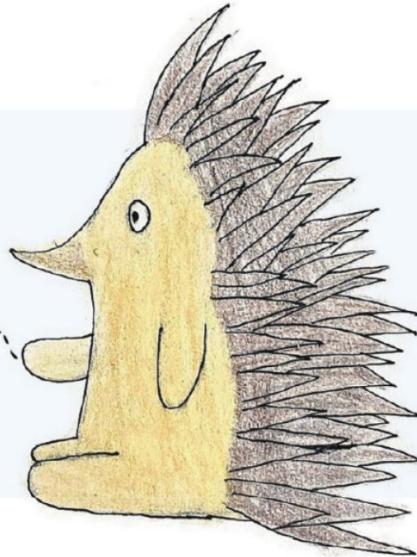
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**Lola Garrow**

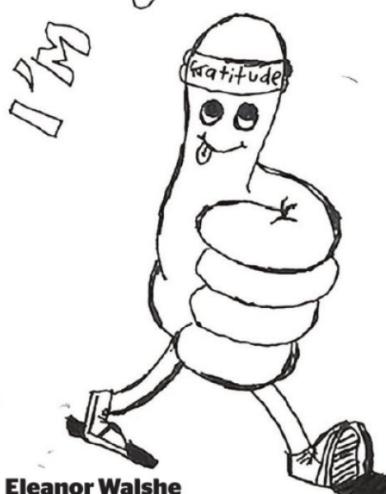
Aged 12, Wycliffe Christian School, NSW

**EMPATHY**

Empathy is the awareness and understanding of another person's thoughts, feelings and circumstances. In an ever-changing world it's appreciating and being sensitive to others' experiences, backgrounds and cultures.



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**Eleanor Walshe**

Aged 5, Caringbah Public School, NSW

**GRATITUDE**

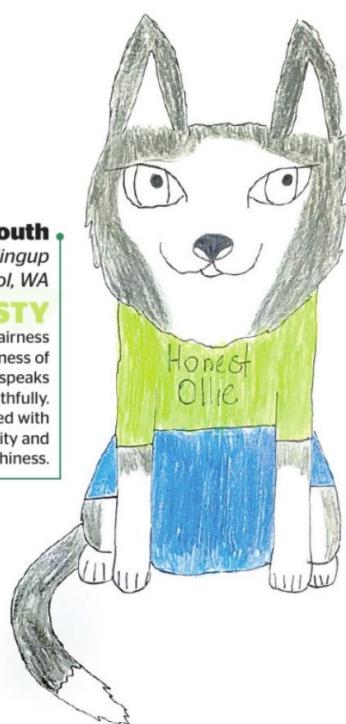
Gratitude is a feeling or attitude in acknowledgment of a benefit that one has received or will receive. Gratitude is an emotion like appreciation – taking the time to appreciate what you have is one of the keys to cultivating gratitude.

**Mackenzie South**

Aged 12, Condongup Primary School, WA

**HONESTY**

Honesty is defined as fairness and straightforwardness of conduct when one speaks the truth and acts truthfully. It is often connected with sincerity, integrity and trustworthiness.



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**Ayla O'Ri**

Aged 11, St Joseph's Primary

**HUMIL**

Humility means "the state of being humble" acknowledge their limitations, imperfections to value oneself in a way that isn't dependent and being the best. Being humble also means people before your own and thinking

**Natalia Rayfield**

Aged 10, Merewether Heights Public School, NSW

**HUMOUR**

Humour is a quality in something that makes you laugh - it could be a situation, someone's words or actions, something that is heard or seen. If you are in good humour, you feel cheerful and happy, and are pleasant to people. Humour is considered a character strength because it can be used to make others feel good, to build relationships and to help buffer stress, resulting in increased feelings of emotional well-being, cohesion and optimism.

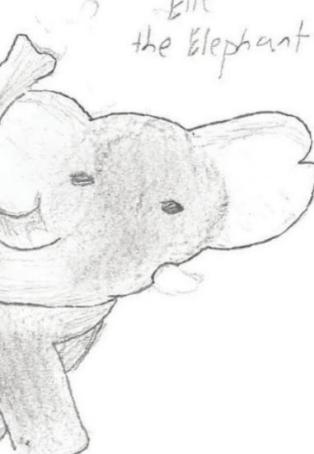


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# 12 TESTS OF Kindness

## COMPETITION WINNERS

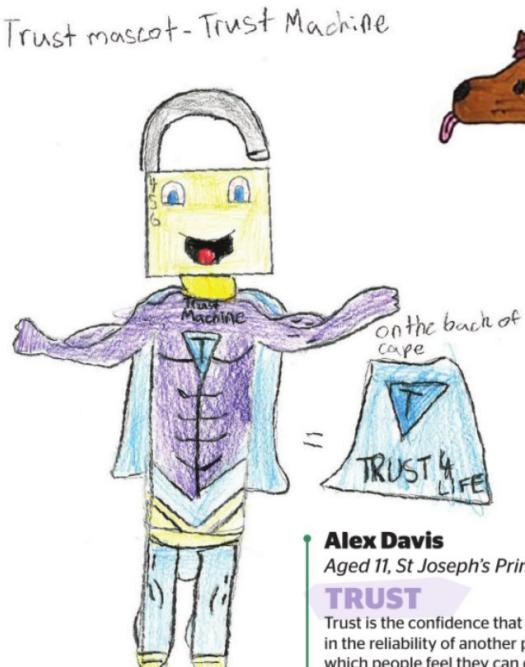
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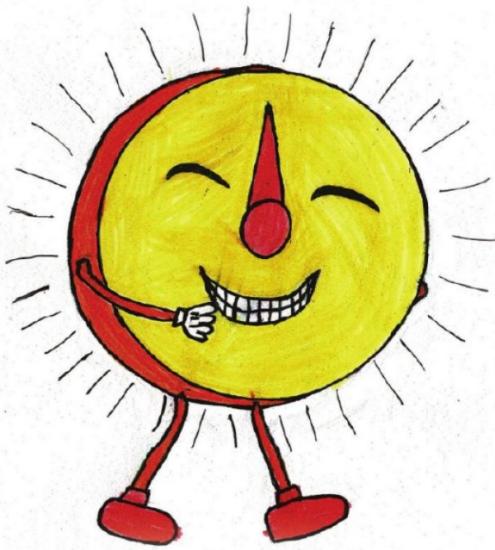
Trust is the confidence that a person or group of people has in the reliability of another person or group. It is the degree to which people feel they can depend on the other party to do what they say they will do. Trust has many benefits including increased optimism, higher levels of self-confidence, lower stress levels, peace of mind and more meaningful social connections.

**Joseph O'Brien**

Aged 11, St Agnes' Primary, Port Macquarie NSW

**POSITIVITY**

Positivity is the practice of focusing one's mind affirmatively on the good and constructive aspects of a matter to minimise negative or destructive attitudes and emotions. Having a positive mindset is a mental and emotional attitude and suggests an optimistic rather than pessimistic outlook on life. A positive mindset encourages and motivates others, making them feel good which builds friendly, caring and safe environments.

**Henry Harvey-Sutton**

Aged 7, Weetangera Primary School, ACT

**MINDFULNESS/ MEDITATION**

Mindfulness is the quality of being present and fully engaged with whatever is happening in the moment and meditation is the training ground for learning mindfulness. Mindfulness or meditation practice is one way to truly experience the current moment and integrate that awareness into your everyday life. Being fully present, taking a breath, and not beholden to reactive suggestions and feelings requires careful attention to thoughts, feelings, and environment.

**Katie Keane**

Aged 12, St Patrick's School, Port Fairy, Victoria

**SELF-ACCEPTANCE**

Self-acceptance is the awareness of and satisfaction with one's strengths and weaknesses - the non-judgemental realistic assessment of one's talents, capabilities, and general worth. It results in an individual's feeling about oneself and acknowledging that they are of "unique worth". When we're self-accepting, we're able to embrace all facets of ourselves - not just the positive, more "esteem-able" parts.

**Overall winner!**

The judges said: "Self Acceptance Sammy was a very clever way of showing that you just need to embrace who you are without judgement". Katie wins a kindness pack including yoga mats, copies of the Kath Koschel book *Kindness* and *Play Kind Cards* for her school valued at \$3500.



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## Ticking the boxes

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The Village Vet director  
Kimberly Goodwin.  
Picture by Keegan Carroll

**SEX SCANDAL** Greens member to resign in wake of serious allegations

# Davis will quit Assembly

#### Jasper Lindell

JOHNATHAN Davis, the ACT Greens member of the Legislative Assembly who has been accused of serious sexual misconduct, will resign from politics and quit his party.

Greens Leader Shane Rattenbury said Mr Davis had informed him of the

intention to quit both the Assembly and the party, and that Mr Davis would write to Speaker Joy Burch to formally tender his resignation.

"The ACT Greens take the conduct of our MLAs seriously and believe Canberrans should rightly expect the highest standards of behaviour, integrity and accountability from our rep-

resentatives and members in office," Mr Rattenbury said in a statement.

"While there has been no formal finding about Johnathan by any authorities, the intimate information that has been shared about his personal life has caused immense community concern, and the ACT Greens party room supports his decision

to resign from office.

"We recognise that the reporting of these events may have caused distress to members of the community, and encourage people to reach out to services to receive support."

Mr Rattenbury said he would have more to say about the issue on Monday.

The ACT Greens met over

the weekend to discuss the next steps the party would take after Mr Davis, 31, was accused of having sex with a minor and having an inappropriate relationship with a 17-year-old. Mr Davis had already been indefinitely suspended by his party.

*The Canberra Times* understands senior party figures had been encouraging

Mr Davis to resign following the allegations.

Chief Minister Andrew Barr called for Mr Davis' resignation on Friday.

While the Greens could have moved to expel Mr Davis, the party would have been unable to force him to quit his Legislative Assembly seat.

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## NEWS

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## TIMES PAST

November 13, 1975

Before electric buses, and the rebrand of ACTION to Transport Canberra, orange and blue buses and the famous 'bendy' buses were the icon of Canberra. On this day in 1975, The Canberra Times reported on the very first of those 'bendy' buses coming to Canberra. The Department of the Capital Territory expected to take delivery of a new MAN-articulated bus, believed to be the first of its kind in Australia, the following month. The new bus would have a capacity of 73 people, compared with 43 in other new buses now being delivered to Canberra. With people standing, the new bus would have a capacity of 106. The prime mover of the articulated MAN bus was almost as large as a normal city bus, and was joined to the



trailer by a flexible passage way which allows freedom of movement between the two sections even when the bus was moving. The total length of the articulated bus was 16.4 metres compared with the 10.9m overall length of the normal MAN buses being used in Canberra at the time. Two of the buses were being shipped from Germany to Australia. In Canberra the bus was to be tried on a number of routes, particularly in peak hours. Visit: trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/page/11009107

## FRIDGE DOOR

VIEW CLUB: The next meeting of the Gungahlin Day View Club will be held at the Gungahlin Lakes Golf Club Nicholls on Wednesday, November 22. This will be our last meeting for the year. Time: 11.45am. Cost: \$35 per head for a two-course lunch. Singing duo Kaz and Shaz will entertain us. Please phone or text Suzanne on 0413 550 894 by 9pm Sunday, November 19 if you wish to attend, and haven't already registered your attendance. Guests and visitors are very welcome.

KIPPAX MARKETPLACE AND SCONES-OFF: On Saturday, November 18, from 9am-1pm, Kippax Uniting Church will hold its last 2023 monthly marketplace, with individual stallholders, a cake stall, and our BBQ. Our pre-loved theme this month covers a bit of everything, including Christmas items. There will be a scone baking competition involving some well-known Canberra identities, and Devonshire teas and scones for sale (search Canberra's Scone-off).

## TODAY'S WEATHER

CANBERRA Min 9 Max 26

Partly cloudy  
Chance of any rain: 5%

## CANBERRA AREA

Partly cloudy. Light winds becoming north to northeasterly 15-20kmh in the late afternoon then turning easterly in the evening.

## LOTTERIES

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Division 3: \$884.10  
Division 4: \$25.55  
Division 5: \$17.65  
Division 6: \$8.40

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Protestors at a Pro-Palestine demonstration in Brisbane. Picture AAP

# Thousands gather to call for end to war

Samantha Lock, Callum Godde

SUPPORTERS of Palestine have rallied in Australia's major cities after a suspicious fire razed a Palestinian business and prompted a violent clash.

Tens of thousands of demonstrators gathered at the State Library of Victoria on Sunday to call for an end to the war in Gaza.

Hash Tayeh, whose Burgertory restaurant in Caulfield was fire-bombed on Friday, said his staff were threatened and harassed in an attempt to silence his support for Palestine.

"In a cruel act of arson, our store was reduced to ashes," Mr Tayeh told the crowd while draped in a Palestinian flag.

"To those who sought to silence us with hate and violence, I say you will not succeed. Love and unity will always prevail."

Melbourne rally co-chair Raphael Duffy, a Jewish man and socialist activist, said he was buoyed by the scenes of hundreds of thousands of people rallying in London to support Palestine.

"If you want to fight against the kind of racism that caused the holocaust, you have to fight against the oppression of Palestinians today," he said.

Other speakers included Victorian Greens Leader Samantha Ratnam, Medical Association for Prevention of War vice president Margaret Beavis and Palestinian academic Micaela Sahhar.

A nearby Starbucks closed temporarily and was plastered with stickers calling for a boycott of Israel, the coffeehouse chain having recently sued its own union after US workers expressed support for Palestine.

The large crowd chanted "ceasefire now" and "free Palestine" as it moved down Swanston St before continuing to Treasury Gardens and marching towards state parliament.

Thousands more met in Sydney's

Hyde Park.

Palestine Action Group spokesperson Josh Lees said protesters, who have gathered every week for the past five, would not stop until there was a ceasefire.

"This is a great crime, this is a massacre, this is a genocide," he said.

Thousands also gathered for a vigil in Sydney to show solidarity for Israel, with many holding "kidnapped" signs and the images of those taken hostage by Hamas.

Executive Council of Australian Jewry co-chair Alex Ryvchin called for the destruction of the terrorist group, the safe rescue of every hostage and peace "for the land of Israel".

"Today, the Jewish people are one. There is no Israel and the diaspora," he told a crowd at Moore Park.

"If before October 7, the world did not know what we as Jews, as Zionists, were fighting for, now at least they know what we are fighting against."

But independent Jewish journalist and author Antony Loewenstein said it was untrue to suggest there was uniformity in the Australian Jewish community towards Israel and Palestine.

"Extreme Israeli actions against Palestinians both in Gaza and in the West Bank and elsewhere is not supported by vast swathes of the Australian Jewish community," he told AAP.

Mr Loewenstein said Mr Ryvchin's comments showed "no understanding and no sympathy for Palestinian suffering".

"This kind of sentiment actually contributes to rising anti-semitism," he said.

Sydney police said a large contingent of officers was on hand to maintain safety and manage the crowds, although there were no arrests or incidents.

Protesters also gathered in number at Brisbane's King George Square.

# Kings Park revamp plan splits walkers from cyclists

Steve Evans

PUBLIC views are being sought on the revamp of Kings Park, the area of path, carpark and grass stretching from the Kings Avenue Bridge along Lake Burley Griffin's central basin.

At the moment, it's an untidy swathe of space, some of it heavily populated by rabbits.

Cyclists and walkers, particularly those with dogs, sometimes clash on what is currently a shared path there.

Under the revamp, the National Capital Authority plans to landscape much of the area into smooth slopes. It would put in a separate footpath and cycleway.

Car parks could be moved and expanded.

Under the plan, there would be:

■ New steps and a ramp from the edge of Lake Burley Griffin up to the bridge

■ "Separation of pedestrian and cycle routes in the southern tip of Kings Park"

■ A new car park with more parking spaces and a bus parking area

■ Landscaping

The NCA is keen to resolve what it calls "friction points" between cyclists and walkers.

This would need some planning, working out, for example, how the two groups would cross each other's paths safely.

"This design work will require working through the circulatory issues for both user groups and determination of safe crossing points," the NCA said when it put the work out to tender.

The proposal is also to reconfigure the carpark. When the work was put out to tender, the NCA said: "This portion could include additional car parking spaces and/or a bus and coach parking area."

Consultation will be formally launched at a media event at the park on Monday morning.

A special information booth will be opened there, with the Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and Territories, Kristy McBain, at the event.

"These improvements will activate Kings Park like never before," she said, "which is why I encourage people to have their say by visiting a pop-up information booth in the park, attending a briefing with the National Capital Authority, or providing feedback via email."



Helene Busengdal and Markus Nielsen Rotevatn from the Norwegian EV Association. Picture by Gary Ramage

## Lessons in building a 'Norway' of EV growth

### Peter Brewer

CREATING a "little Norway" in the ACT will take consistent and progressive policies on electric vehicles, say experts from Oslo.

The country with the world's fastest take-up of EVs has been lauded as delivering the ideal policy framework to speed the transition, and experts Helene Busengdal and Markus Nilsen Rotevatn were adamant their country's model could be replicated elsewhere, together with important lessons learned.

The two members of Norway's Electric Vehicle Association visited Canberra last week, meeting with government officials, politicians and consumers to provide insights into how a small Scandinavian country was able to create an environ-

ment in which 84 per cent of new passenger vehicles sold this year were EVs.

"Car companies which are committing to EVs see Norway as a test case because of our EV tax exemptions and our cold climate," Ms Busengdal said, noting that there were 106 new EV models for Norwegian buyers to choose from.

By comparison, Australia has 45.

Over the past two years, the ACT has enjoyed the strongest EV incentives and the fastest EV market growth per capita in Australia.

However, whether that extraordinary local market growth will be sustained over the coming years is the open question, as the ACT's free registration offer on EVs begins to be wound back and the rollout of public charging infra-

### Car companies which are committing to EVs see Norway as a test case

**Helene Busengdal, of the Norway Electric Vehicle Association**

structure creeps along at a snail's pace.

Addressing a public forum in Canberra last week, Ms Busengdal said that Norway introduced its first tax on CO2 back in 1991 and huge government incentives, such as zero stamp duty, had been major drivers to the EV growth. For EV buyers, that tax exemption could be worth as much as \$13,000.

She said that a rapid rollout of charging infrastructure provided Norway with an important kickstart

to consumer confidence in buying an EV. With 6500 fast chargers across the country, there are now 100 EVs per public fast charger.

But that growth hasn't been without its pitfalls. Despite the large number of chargers, during the months when many Norwegians are travelling, there are still queues of cars lined up waiting.

"Perhaps, in hindsight, the better strategy would have been not to have a fast charger every 50 kilometres

but more of the bigger stations, which can charge many cars at once, with longer distances between them," she said.

She said that her association's surveys found most owners very happy with their experience "but when we ask them what they are least satisfied with, it is the charging experience".

And like Australia, public charging ownership is fragmented by many different companies although moves are afoot to build a national location database.

Despite its EV achievements, Norway is still a big fossil fuel producer with more than half its total exports tied to oil and gas. However, by virtue of its massive hydro-electric schemes, around 90 per cent of the power Norway uses domestically is renewable.

## Four suspected dead in alpine crash

**Callum Godde**

FOUR people are suspected to have perished after a car crashed and burst into flames in Victoria's north-east high country.

The burned-out car was found on Sunday morning on Mansfield-Woods Point Road in Piries, southeast of Mansfield.

Police believe the driver lost control before the vehicle caught fire.

They say all occupants died at the scene but are yet to establish how many people were inside the car and the time of the crash.

Disaster victim identification specialists expect to provide an update by Monday morning.

"We think there are four," Road Policing Command Assistant Commissioner Glenn Weir told reporters on Sunday.

"We don't think there are more than four but again (it's) a really catastrophic and confronting scene."

It is believed the victims were colleagues, with the car rented from a west Gippsland-based company.

"All the people we think were known to each other and had a common connection through work," Assistant Commissioner Weir said.

"We think the people are relatively local within the sort of Shepparton, Benalla and Mansfield area."

A witness called police at 7.45am and by the time officers and the Country Fire Authority arrived, the car was barley ablaze.

Assistant Commissioner Weir said police believe the crash and the subsequent fire took place on Sunday morning.

## FOREIGN AFFAIRS Growing tensions in the Indo-Pacific

# Door open for other Pacific deals: Wong

### Andrew Brown

AUSTRALIA has left the door open for other Pacific nations to sign up to security agreements following a bipartisan deal with Tuvalu, Foreign Minister Penny Wong says.

Under the agreement, Tuvalu residents facing displacement from climate change will be able to resettle in Australia.

Australia will take in 280 people each year, with the

Pacific nation having a population of about 11,000 people.

As part of the elevated bilateral partnership between the countries, Australia will have a veto over Tuvalu's security arrangements with other countries.

The terms of what areas would be defined as being in the security sector are still being worked through.

Senator Wong said the option was open for other countries in the region to

sign similar agreements with Australia.

"The offer is there from Australia, I think what that says is we're prepared to be a real partner of choice, an engaged partner, but obviously, it's up to those countries," she told ABC's *Insiders* program on Sunday.

"What (the Tuvalu agreement) does signal is how we are prepared to approach our membership of the Pacific family."

The Foreign Minister denied the deal was in direct response to China signing security deals with other Pacific nations such as the Solomon Islands.

"We recognise we live in a more contested region and we have to work harder to be a partner of choice," she said. "This is a giant leap forward in our joint mission to assure security, prosperity and stability in the region."

Deputy Prime Minister

Richard Marles denied the agreement would anger China and described it as a watershed moment. He said the deal would be received well by other countries.

"The Pacific is a place of greater geo-strategic contest, there's no doubt about that, and we seek to be the natural partner of choice for countries in the Pacific," he told Sky News on Sunday.

We were engaging with countries in the region and

we spoke with other countries in the region about what we were doing."

The Deputy Prime Minister said Australia had a responsibility to ensure the Pacific did not become the least developed part of the world.

"This is a step which I hope will be welcomed within the Pacific because it does represent a very significant step up in Australia's already significant engagement in the Pacific," he said.

# Safety first ahead of release of detainees

Andrew Brown

FOREIGN Minister Penny Wong has vowed community safety will remain the highest priority ahead of the imminent release of prisoners from immigration detention.

A landmark High Court ruling in Wednesday found indefinite detention unlawful, overturning a 20-year precedent.

At least 92 detainees who can't return to their original country may be freed and another 340 in long-term detention could join them, the court was told.

The plaintiff in the case, a Rohingya man from Myanmar known as NZYQ, has been released, faced the prospect of life in detention as no country would settle him because he raped a 10-year-old child.

Senator Wong said the government was working closely with police ahead of the release of further detainees.

"Our first priority in approaching this decision is to assure community safety, so anyone who is released will be released on visas with strict conditions," she told ABC's Insiders program on Sunday.

"We are ensuring that the Australian Federal Police and Border Force are working closely with state and territory police to support community safety."

The foreign minister said the government was going through the full implication of the court's decision.

"This is not the government's choice, this is a decision of the High Court of Australia, which any government is bound to follow," she said.



The Village Vet director Kimberly Goodwin said animals with ticks may show symptoms such as vomiting and diarrhoea. Picture by Keegan Carroll

## Tick cases climb in Canberra

**Kerem Doruk, Natalie Vikhrov**

VET clinics are warning pet owners to be vigilant as warmer weather brings in an increasing number of tick paralysis cases to the ACT.

Inner South Veterinary Centre director Michelle Keatley, who also works at Canberra Vet Emergency Service, said the emergency service has been seeing three to four cases a week recently, with at least three patients dying from tick paralysis.

Dr Keatley said a number of pets have also needed to go on life support or a ventilator.

Vets have said that pets who travel to the coast or have come in contact with those who have travelled to

the area face the biggest risk of contracting the deadly parasites, with ticks sometimes "hitchhiking" on animals or luggage to the ACT.

Canberra's climate has been thought to be a deterrent for ticks but some are concerned that the mites may also be resident in parts of the ACT.

"Five years ago, we would have wholeheartedly just recommended tick paralysis prevention or tick medication only if you were going to the coast or to Sydney, whereas now we are seeing more cases of tick paralysis where the patient hasn't left Canberra," Dr Keatley said.

"So we are seeing an increase in cases where there's no direct link to the coast, which is certainly very scary."

Ticks latch onto an animal and feed on their fluids while releasing a toxin that can cause paralysis, respiratory failure and death.

The Village Vet director Kimberly Goodwin said animals who have contracted ticks may show symptoms such as vomiting, diarrhoea, lethargy and wobbliness.

"[They can] have trouble eating and swallowing. One of the signs is change of bark ... because it affects their muscles," she said. Her clinic has treated about five cases this year.

"It's a bad tick season, so we're seeing a lot of problems already," she said.

Vets are now urging pet owners to put their furry family members on tick prevention, check them daily for

the mites and bring them to the vet if there are signs they have contracted ticks.

Vets and pet services were now also looking to identify trends around paralysis ticks in the ACT, including whether case numbers were growing annually.

Australian Veterinary Association ACT division president Michael Hayward said it was unclear whether case numbers were rising beyond levels seen in previous years due to a lack of data.

Dr Hayward said the association has recently launched a survey, asking clinics to provide data on every case they come across to get a better understanding of the trends.

"We hope that all of the veterinary practices will con-

tribute ... so we can start to accumulate how many cases per month ... where did they go before they got the tick," he said. "The aim is to keep that going over years so that we see ... what the trends are."

Pet Ambulance Services has also launched a survey for pet owners in an effort to identify whether there were paralysis tick "hot spots" in the ACT or surrounds.

Dr Hayward said during his 40 years of working in the ACT he has only seen a small number of cases that haven't been linked to the coast but he said other vets may see different trends. "That's why we're trying to get the data, to find out what is the risk to that cat or dog who never leaves Canberra," he said.

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# Vape-sick youth share stories of addiction

Sarah Lansdown

CROZ tried his first e-cigarette at the age of 14. His friends were vaping and it seemed harmless.

But a few months later he noticed he couldn't go a day without an e-cigarette. Then he needed one every hour or two.

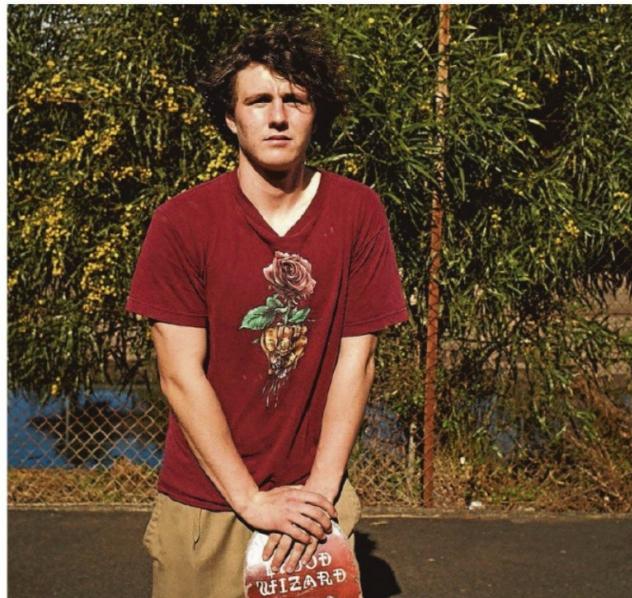
"I couldn't really focus. I was just thinking about nicotine and like I could feel my body craving it," he said.

When he moved to Canberra for university at the start of this year, Croz decided to quit vaping. He was sick of feeling constantly under the weather and realised vaping wasn't the stress relief he thought it was.

"I could feel my throat get irritated and closed off and I'd get wheezy when I would vape and I was just sick of being sick, of feeling like I was like sick and not my best self all the time."

"So I quit for my physical health mainly and also my mental health has improved a lot since I've stopped vaping."

Croz is part of a new multimillion-dollar anti-vaping



University student Croz, 18, feels much better since he quit vaping. Picture supplied

campaign, called "Uncloud", backed by the Minderoo Foundation.

The charity conducted a study into the attitudes and behaviours of 2500 Australians aged 14 to 25.

The study, conducted in July 2022 and 2023, found half a million young people - one in 10 - were vaping every day.

Three in 10 young people had vaped in the last 30 days, four in 10 young va-

pers felt addicted and six in 10 young vapers wanted to stop vaping.

Three-quarters of respondents believed vaping was common among their peers, but only 32 per cent

had actually vaped in the last 30 days and half said they had never vaped.

Minderoo Foundation cancer mission director Professor Claire Wakefield said an extra 100,000 young people had started vaping in the past 12 months.

Researchers heard that that young people were curious about the devices which come in attractive colours and flavours, and were swayed by peer pressure.

"One of the messages we're really keen to promote in the campaign is that although lots of young people are vaping, it's still not the norm so it's okay to say no. You're going to be in the majority."

As a psychologist, Professor Wakefield was most concerned about the rise in young vapers who felt addicted to e-cigarettes, which contain a cocktail of chemicals and nicotine.

"One of the young people in the campaign shared that anxiety he felt when he couldn't find his vape to the point that he flipped his entire room looking for a vape," she said.

"Other young people

[were] sharing that it wakes them up in the middle of the night, that the craving is that strong."

The campaign features TikTok and Instagram-friendly videos of young Australians sharing stories of their own vaping additions or those of their friends.

Sydney-based university student Ethan, 18, decided to never start vaping because of a history of lung cancer in his family and warnings from his mother.

"Some people I've talked to go on holidays with their family and the first thing they say to you when they get back is how hard it was to go without a vape for like a couple of days," he said.

Ethan felt young people would be able to relate to the ad campaign, which has already started flooding the social media feeds of 15 to 25-year-olds.

As Croz went through withdrawal symptoms, he imagined his addiction to be a creature that was dying inside of him.

"As someone who vaped, it's not worth it. Don't pick it up," he said.



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# Greens' Davis will quit after allegations

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Mr Rattenbury on Sunday did not respond to detailed questions about Mr Davis' alleged relationship with a 17-year-old, including claims the man, now 18, felt pressured to keep the relationship secret and had been encouraged by Mr Davis to send explicit images.

The man who claims to have had a sexual relationship with Mr Davis while he was 17 said the Greens politician pressured him to keep it secret because "people would have opinions but we've done nothing wrong".

He said Mr Davis asked him to send him sexually explicit images and, at one point in their relationship, he had to crawl through the MLA's apartment after sex to avoid being seen on a video call with one of Mr Davis' colleagues.

The *Canberra Times* on Friday revealed the MLA had been stood down by his party over that matter, as well as a separate accusation Mr Davis had sex with a 15-year-old boy.

Mr Rattenbury on Friday said: "My office has not seen



Johnathan Davis, the Greens MLA who intends to quit the Legislative Assembly. Pictures by Elesa Kurtz

evidence of illegal activity, but we are reporting what we know of the complaints to police."

Both matters have been referred to the police. Mr Davis, through a lawyer, declined to comment on Saturday. He shut down his social media accounts on Friday.

The Chief Minister, Mr

Barr, and Deputy Chief Minister Yvette Berry on Friday said Mr Davis would need to consider his position as the serious allegations affected his ability to function as a member of the Assembly.

"The best path would be to accept what we understand to be the position of the ACT Greens party leadership and

resign his position in the Assembly," the pair said in a joint statement.

Mr Barr and Ms Berry said they expected a full police investigation to take place.

"We have asked the ACT Greens to ensure support is provided to the individuals who have made these matters public. Other support

services are available to members of the community who are distressed by this reporting," the pair said.

Police have confirmed they received a referral but no person alleging to be a victim of Mr Davis' has made a complaint.

A lawyer for Mr Davis on Saturday said: "He is una-

ware of the substance of the allegations made regarding his conduct, but understands from Mr Rattenbury's public statement that certain matters have been referred to police. Whilst those matters are being reviewed by police, it is inappropriate for Mr Davis, or others, to comment upon any allegations being made regarding his conduct."

Mr Davis, who is openly gay, was elected to the fifth Brindabella seat at the 2020 ACT election by a margin of 82 votes.

Mr Davis had run for the Greens at the 2012 and 2016 ACT elections and stood for the federal seat of Bean in 2019.

Mr Davis became involved in politics after campaigning, aged 15, against the planned closure of Kambah High School in 2006 and joined the Greens in 2008.

Mr Davis, a former real estate agent, has led the ACT Greens' push for a rent freeze and a voting age lowered to 16.

His resignation will trigger a countback process to fill his Legislative Assembly seat for Brindabella.

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# What led ASIC to ban an ACT developer

## EXPLAINER

Brittney Levinson

DEBTS of more than \$5 million and a possible "unreasonable director-related transaction" are among the findings that led to a Canberra property developer coping a two-year ban from managing companies.

The findings were uncovered in a creditors' report of 3 Property Group 13 Pty Ltd, one of five failed companies Paul Hamilton was involved with before the Australian Securities and Investments Commission disqualified the local developer in October.

Meanwhile, former directors of the company had links to more than 40 companies each, the report found.

One of the former directors put the company's struggles down to a "horrible period in the construction industry", when contacted by *The Canberra Times*.

The creditors' report on 3 Property Group 13 Pty Ltd, released in 2021, was among the records ASIC relied on to disqualify Mr Hamilton and offers some insight into how trouble unfolded for one of the many 3 Property Group companies.

### Developments in Wright, Coombs and Throsby

The name 3 Property Group may be familiar to Canberrans who have seen the bright green logo displayed across job sites.

The group's townhouse projects include Debut in Wright, Form in Coombs, Vivace and Allegro in Throsby and Avani terraces in Greenway. Some may also be aware of 3 Property Group from reports in 2021 and 2022 of the group's attempts to cancel buyers' off-the-plan townhouse contracts and resell the properties at a higher price.

The development group was thrown back into the spotlight in October when ASIC disqualified Mr Hamilton, 3 Property Group's sales and marketing director, from managing companies for two years over his involvement in five failed companies. Together, the companies owed more than \$11.8 million to unsecured creditors, ASIC found.

Among the five companies was 3 Property Group 13 Pty Ltd, which entered administration in 2020 owing more than \$5.87 million to secured and unsecured creditors.

The liquidator involved in the administration identified possible instances of unfair preference payments, insolvent trading and uncommercial transactions in its 2021 statutory report to creditors.

When contacted by *The Canberra Times*, 3 Property Group 13 former director Jaime Farrelly said the group had been through



(From left) Gary Kelly, Jaime Farrelly and Paul Hamilton were all directors of 3 Property Group 13 Pty Ltd at various times. Pictures by Dion Georgopoulos, supplied

"a horrible period in the construction industry". "There have been no winners as a result of the impacts to the sector. Disputes that have arisen just make things worse," he said. "Hopefully things can stabilise with construction as we understand the fallout can affect everyone."

### How 3 Property Group 13 unravelled

The creditors report, prepared by liquidator Stephen Hundy of Worrells, stated 3 Property Group 13 Pty Ltd was incorporated in September 2017.

Gary Kelly started as director and Jaime Farrelly was also appointed as a director the following month. The company purchased land in Campbell in 2018 with the intention to build four townhouses on the site.

The group took out loans with a credit asset management firm and a group of mezzanine financiers, a hybrid form of funding often considered high-risk.

### There have been no winners as a result of the impacts to the sector.

3 Property Group 13 former director

Jaime Farrelly

Following a dispute with a builder, in July 2020 the company sold the Campbell property to a related entity, 3 Property Group 17 Pty Limited, which listed Mr Kelly and Mr Farrelly as its directors at the time, for \$4.05 million, the report stated.

After the mortgage was discharged, the sale proceeds, about \$802,000, were deposited to 3 Property Group 13's bank account.

The liquidator noted in the report "it appears that the transfer of the Campbell Property to 3PG17 may be an uncommercial

transaction under s588FB of the [Corporations] Act or a creditor-defeating disposition under s588FDB of the Act". The report also outlined the property transfer "may also [be] considered ... an unreasonable director-related transaction", given Mr Kelly and Mr Farrelly were directors of 3 Property Group 17 at the time.

Mr Kelly and Mr Farrelly resigned as directors of 3 Property 13 on October 22, 2020, the same day Paul Hamilton was appointed as director.

One day later, the director determined the company was insolvent and a meeting of creditors should be convened, the report stated.

The company's sole shareholder was another related entity, 3 Property Holdings 2 Pty Limited, which resolved to wind up the company.

### Former directors linked to more than 40 companies

The creditors' report also detailed the entities associated with the director and former directors at the time of the report in January 2021. Mr Hamilton was the director of seven associated entities at the time. Mr Kelly and Mr Farrelly were listed as current or former directors of 44 and 47 companies, respectively.

Earlier this year, a number of 3 Property Group companies were renamed, ASIC searches show, to variations of Elly Property. This includes 3 Property Group Holdings 2 Pty Limited, which has been renamed to Elly Property Pty Ltd. Mr Kelly and Mr Farrelly are no longer listed as directors of Elly Property Pty Ltd. Emily Kelly and Saphyre Ann Farrelly were appointed as directors of Elly Property Pty Ltd on October 9, 2023, ASIC documents show.

The creditors' report of 3 Property Group 13 was one of a series of documents ASIC relied on to ban Mr Hamilton in October.

The decision means Mr Hamilton is barred from managing corporations until October 23, 2025. He has the right to seek a review of the decision through the Administrative Appeals Tribunal.

ASIC found Mr Hamilton "showed a lack of care and diligence" when he agreed to act as a director of the five companies to allow the former directors to maintain their credit scores and continue managing other companies in the group.

*The Canberra Times* asked ASIC whether it was investigating the former directors of 3 Property 13, Mr Kelly and Mr Farrelly, on the back of Mr Hamilton's disqualification, but the regulator was unable to comment.

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## Jules' Red Dog is a roadside sensation

YOU'VE heard of The Dog on the Tucker Box five miles from Gundagai, how about The Dog on the Pine Stump a little bit north of Bunyan?

It's become a roadside sensation on the Monaro Highway between Cooma and Canberra.

When a towering pine tree in the front yard of Hazel Walker's home on the highway was threatening to topple over, her son Jules arranged for it to be cut down.

And he didn't leave the large stump that was left behind to lie idle.

He got out his chainsaw and set to work creating a masterpiece in wood.

It's a homage to both working dogs and the comforts of home.

Mum Hazel, now 88, had bought a statue of the famous kelpie-cross Red Dog, who wandered the Pilbara region of Western Australia, so Jules set to work making a home for him from the remnant pine.

The result was a handsome kennel atop the stump, with Red Dog keeping an eye on the property. The stump also features a water bowl for the dog, also carved from wood, and a little water tank and tap to keep it filled.

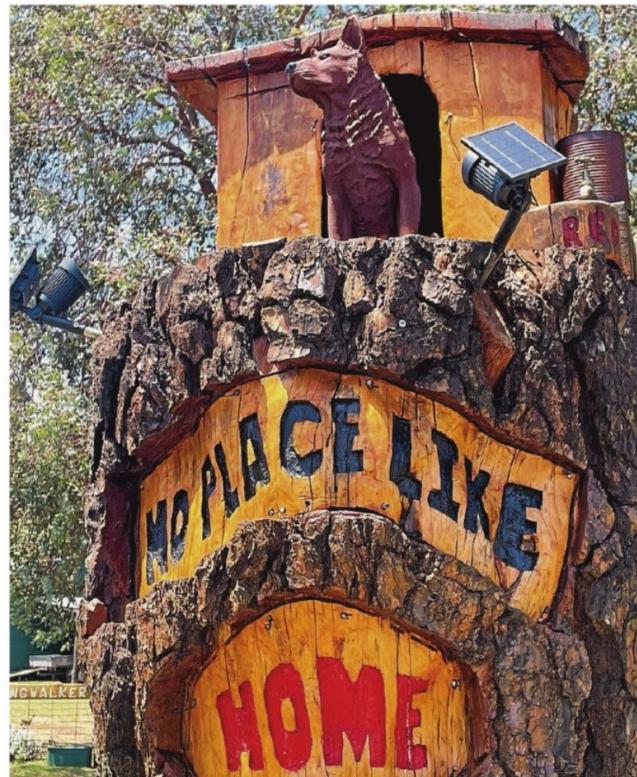
Jules, who moved back to Bunyan from Queensland to look after his mother, has also carved into the stump the words, "No Place Like Home", testament to his love of the region at the gateway to the Snowys.

The carved stump, in the pretty front garden of the home shared by Hazel and Jules, attracts plenty of attention from people travelling up and down the Monaro. Some solar-powered lights mean it's also a beacon at night.

At Christmas time, the dog and kennel get adorned with Christmas lights.

"People are pulling up all the time, taking photos," Jules said.

"An ambulance pulled up here one day. All you seen was the side door open and this hand with a photo camera come out, took a photo and went back in and the side door of the ambulance closed and it continued back into Cooma."



Jules Walker's Red Dog monument outside his home at Bunyan south of Canberra.  
Pictures by Megan Doherty

Hazel has lived on the property for almost 70 years. Her husband Percy was a prisoner-of-war working on the Burma Railway during World War Two.

He lost his leg due to diabetes, his health affected by his wartime service, and died in 1992, aged 75.

So Jules came back from Queensland for his mum - and the "no place like home" message on the tree trunk means a lot to

him. And her.

"Jules put that into the pine, cut it in, and said 'No Place Like Home' because he apparently likes being here and calls it home and that's it," Hazel said.

"And it's great to have him here, because he does all the gardens and that for me. I'm just getting a bit old for that."

Hazel said her home meant a lot to her, especially when she and her husband ran a



Jules and his mum Hazel.



Red Dog even has a water tank for his bowl.

market garden there.

"People used to come from Cooma and everywhere to get the fresh vegetables and, of course, when he passed away, it just got too much for me, so we've kept this just as a home and flower gardens."

She loves sculpture too.

"The comments have been absolutely fantastic," Hazel said. "People just can't believe it's a dog on a pine stump."

### Looking for a new fur-ever friend? Check out the pets of the week

#### Dog of the Week

##### Loca

Loca came to us having as a very scared pregnant mum. She didn't trust anyone but our Kennel Team Leader, Lee, sat with her for days on end.

This beautiful American Staffordshire Terrier gave birth to an enormous litter and with our help, raised them and watched them all get adopted.

We think it's time for our resident 'Super Mum' Loca to find a forever home. She's transformed into an affectionate, playful, gentle girl and at two-and-a-half years of age, is still just a baby.

If you have a home with secure fencing, a backyard and children above about

12-years-old, come and see Loca, you'll love her, we promise.

#### Bird of the Week

##### Charlie Brown

Charlie Brown is a 7-year-old cockatoo with an adorable attitude, cheeky smile and tendency to repeat what you say! He was a shy boy just a few weeks ago but now he'll ask you, "Whatcha doing?" and try to tell you about things he's seen that day.

He's shy at first but will blossom in no time. He's perfect for a person with experience with large parrots or a galah-sized bird.

He's an indoor-only chap but he loves

getting out of his cage and he'll need to get out a few times a day. Drop by the RSPCA ACT shelter today and chat with Charlie Brown.

Visit the RSPCA at 12 Kirkpatrick Street, Weston. Animal viewing hours are Monday to Friday, 10am to 3pm and Saturday, 9am to 4pm.

#### And while we have you...

If you head over the Haig Park Village Markets on Sunday from 9am to 2pm, you might be able to score some wares from Charli and Molly Canine Couture. The Australian brand features dog collars, leads, coats, snuffle mats and more, all perfect for making a statement while out and about...charliandmolly.com



Charlie Brown, a cockatoo with attitude

**BREAKING POINT** Gaza's largest hospital without power as fighting rages on its doorstep

# Panic and fear for most vulnerable

## Gaza

ISRAELI troops and Hamas gunmen are battling outside Gaza's largest hospital where frantic doctors say the last generator has run out of fuel, causing the death of a premature baby, another child in an incubator and four other patients. Thousands of war-wounded, medical staff and displaced civilians are caught in the fighting.

In recent days, fighting near Al-Shifa and other hospitals in northern Gaza has intensified and supplies have run out. The Israeli military alleges that the militant group Hamas has established command posts in and underneath hospitals, using civilians as human shields. Medical staff at Al-Shifa have denied such claims and accused Israel of harming civilians with indiscriminate attacks.

Al-Shifa hospital director Mohammed Abu Selmia said the facility lost power on Saturday. "Medical devices stopped. Patients, especially those in intensive care, started to die," he said by phone, with gunfire and explosions in the background. He said Israeli troops were "shooting at anyone outside or inside the hospital" and prevented movement between buildings.

Israel's military confirmed clashes outside the hospital, but Rear Admiral Daniel Hagari denied Al-Shifa was under siege. He said troops would provide assistance on Sunday in moving the babies being treated there and said "we are speaking directly and regularly" with hospital staff.

Amos Yadlin, a former head of Israeli military intelligence, told broadcaster Channel 12 that as Israel aimed to crush Hamas, taking control of the



Palestinians are fleeing to the southern Gaza Strip as the humanitarian situation worsens. Picture EPA

## There can be no justification for acts of war on health care facilities, leaving no power, food or water.

UN humanitarian chief Martin Griffiths

hospitals would be key but required "a lot of tactical creativity" without hurting patients, other civilians and Israeli hostages.

The "unbearably desperate situation" at Al-Shifa must stop now, International Committee of the Red Cross director-general Robert Mardini said on social media, while UN humanitarian chief Martin Griffiths posted that "there can be no justification for acts of war on health care facilities, leaving them with no power, food or water".

Elsewhere, the Palestinian Red Crescent said Israeli

tanks were 20 metres from the Al-Quds hospital in Gaza City's Tal al-Hawa neighbourhood, causing "a state of extreme panic and fear" among the 14,000 displaced people sheltering there.

A 57-nation gathering of Muslim and Arab leaders in Saudi Arabia called in their communiqué for an end to the war in Gaza and the immediate delivery of humanitarian aid. They also called on the International Court of Justice, a UN body, to open an investigation into Israel's attacks, saying the war "cannot be called self-defence and cannot be

justified under any means".

But Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said that the responsibility for any harm to civilians lied with Hamas, and that while Israel had urged civilians to leave combat zones, "Hamas is doing everything it can to prevent them from leaving".

He also talked down growing international calls for a cease-fire, saying Israel's battle to crush Gaza's ruling Hamas militants will continue with "full force". A cease-fire would be possible only if all 239 hostages held by militants in Gaza were released, Netanyahu said in a televised address.

The Israeli leader also insisted that after the war, now entering its sixth week, Gaza would be demilitarised and Israel would retain security control there. Asked what he meant by security control, Netanyahu said Israeli

forces must be able to enter Gaza freely to hunt down militants. He also rejected the idea that the Palestinian Authority, which currently administers autonomous areas in the Israeli-occupied West Bank, would at some stage control Gaza. For now, Netanyahu said, "the war against (Hamas) is advancing with full force, and it has one goal, to win - there is no alternative to victory".

More than 11,070 Palestinians, two-thirds of them women and minors, have been killed since the war began, according to the Health Ministry in Gaza, while 2700 people have been reported missing. At least 1200 people have been killed in Israel.

As the humanitarian situation worsened, Gaza's border authority said the Rafah crossing into Egypt would reopen on Sunday for foreign passport holders.

## Iceland braces for volcanic eruption

### Reykjavik

RESIDENTS of a fishing town in southwestern Iceland have been evacuated after increasing concern about a potential volcanic eruption caused civil defence authorities to declare a state of emergency in the region on Sunday.

The evacuation comes after the region was shaken by hundreds of small earthquakes every day for more than two weeks as scientists monitor a build-up of magma some five kilometres underground. Police decided to evacuate Grindavik after monitoring indicated that a corridor of magma, or semi-molten rock, now extended under the community, Iceland's Meteorological Office said. The town of 3400, on the Reykjanes Peninsula, is about 50 kilometres southwest of the capital, Reykjavik. "At this stage, it is not possible to determine exactly whether and where magma might reach the surface," the Meteorological Office said.

Authorities also raised their aviation alert to orange, indicating an increased risk of a volcanic eruption. Volcanic eruptions pose a serious hazard to aviation because they can spew highly abrasive ash high into the atmosphere, where it can cause jet engines to fail and damage flight control systems. A major eruption in 2010 caused widespread disruption to air travel between Europe and North America, costing airlines \$3 billion.

Concern about a possible eruption increased after a magnitude 4.8 earthquake hit the area, forcing the world-famous Blue Lagoon geothermal resort to close.

# Trump wants election interference case televised 'to the world'

## New Hampshire

DONALD Trump is pushing for his federal election interference trial in Washington to be televised, joining media outlets that say the American public should be able to watch the historic case unfold.

Federal court rules prohibit broadcasting proceedings, but news organisations say that the unprecedented case of a former president standing trial on accusations that he tried to subvert the will of voters warrants an exception.

The Justice Department is opposing the effort, arguing that the judge overseeing the case does not have the authority to ignore the long-standing nationwide policy against cameras in federal courtrooms. The trial is due to start on March 4.

"I want this trial to be seen by everybody in the world," Trump said during a presidential campaign event in New Hampshire over the weekend. "The prosecution wishes to continue this travesty in darkness and I want sunlight." Lawyers for

Trump wrote in court papers filed late on Friday that all Americans should be able to observe what they characterise as a politically motivated prosecution of the Republican front-runner for his party's 2024 nomination. Trump has pleaded not guilty.

"President Trump absolutely agrees, and in fact demands, that these proceedings should be fully televised so that the American public can see firsthand that this case, just like others, is nothing more than a dreamt-up unconstitutional charade

that should never be allowed to happen again," Trump's lawyers wrote.

The request for a televised trial comes as the Washington case has emerged as the most potent and direct legal threat to Trump's political fortunes. Trump is accused of illegally scheming to overturn the election results in the run-up to the violent riot at the US Capitol on January 6, 2021, by his supporters.

Trump has repeatedly sought to delay the Washington trial date until after the 2024 election. But US

District Judge Tanya Chutkan, who was nominated for the bench by Democratic president Barack Obama, appears determined to keep it as scheduled.

The news outlets wrote in their request to Chutkan last month that a lack of transparency could sow distrust in the legal system. They said that was particularly dangerous in a case where "a polarised electorate includes tens of millions of people who, according to opinion polls, still believe that the 2020 election was decided by

fraud". Some US state courts allow cameras in the courtroom. The public has been able to watch proceedings held by the judge overseeing the Georgia election case against Trump and 18 co-defendants. Photographers have also been permitted to take photos of Trump inside the courtroom during his civil fraud trial in New York, but the trial has not been broadcast.

The Justice Department has said that cameras in the courtroom can lead to grandstanding.

# Macron issues heated call for climate unity

## Paris

MELTING glaciers are an "unprecedented challenge for humanity", French President Emmanuel Macron says, launching a weekend call for nations to work together on slashing planet-warming emissions, protecting the environment and collaborating on scientific research into the Earth's icy ecosystems.

Such a united effort was desperately needed, even though the war in Ukraine and the latest Israel-Hamas war were taking up the international focus and hampering global unity and co-operation, Macron said. The French leader was speaking at the Paris Peace Forum, an annual event involving governments, non-governmental groups and others seeking dialogue around global problems such as climate change, children's exposure to online violence, and threats to human rights.

The world, Macron said, was witnessing "the collapse of the cryosphere under the impact of climate change", referring to parts of the Earth where water is in solid form,



French President Emmanuel Macron is calling for nations to work together on slashing planet-warming emissions, saying that melting glaciers are an "unprecedented challenge for humanity". Picture AP

including glaciers. "The most immediate and visible effect is the melting of the ice caps ... it represents an unprecedented challenge for humanity," Macron said.

Melting ice surfaces

worldwide were impacting biodiversity, rising sea levels and coastlines and they contributed to scarcity of drinking water, migration, a greater release of CO2 and the risk of a new pandemic,

he added. "All these threats are real," Macron said and called for urgent co-operation. "Conflicts are once again on the agenda, in the Middle East and elsewhere and this makes our relations

fragile, but we have to do our best to work closely together, in a peaceful way," he added.

Heads of states, governments and diplomats from about 40 states attended the summit in Paris, including

China. Russia was not invited, even though its territory includes part of the Arctic. States issued a call to action to address human-caused climate change and biodiversity loss caused by melting ecosystems. Summit participants also launched a high-level group that will focus on the impact the melt will have on coastal towns facing rising sea levels and dwindling water resources in mountainous regions.

Ruth Mottram, a climate scientist at the Danish Meteorological Institute, welcomed the call for scientific collaboration in the polar regions, but said Russia's war on Ukraine had disrupted efforts. She said that the loss of glaciers and ice sheets would have "impacts on vulnerable populations very far from polar regions" through sea level rise, which showed "how important it is to understand the Earth as a whole".

In mountains from the Alps to the Himalayas, glaciers are disappearing at alarming rates due to warming, with many predicted to disappear by the end of the century, according to studies.

## Hawaiian 'Barbie' pink pond raises an environmental red flag

### Honolulu

A POND in Hawaii has turned so bubble-gum pink it could be from the set of *Barbie*, but the bizarre phenomenon is no cause for a dance party. Drought may be to blame for the strange hue, scientists say, and they're warning against entering the water or drinking it.

Staff at the Kealia Pond National Wildlife Refuge on Maui have been monitoring the pink water since October 30. "I just got a report from somebody that was walking on the beach, and they called



The pink water at the Kealia Pond National Wildlife Refuge in Kihei, Hawaii. Picture AP

me up and said, 'there's something weird going on over here', said Bret Wolfe,

the refuge manager.

Wolfe was concerned the bright pink could be a

sign of an algae bloom, but lab tests found toxic algae was not causing the colour change. Instead an organism called halobacteria might be the culprit. Halobacteria are a type of archaea or single-celled organism that thrive in bodies of water with high levels of salt. The salinity inside the Kealia Pond outlet area is currently greater than 70 parts per thousand, which is twice the salinity of seawater.

Wolfe said the lab would need to conduct a DNA analysis to definitively iden-

tify the organism. But he said Maui's drought was likely contributing to the situation. Normally the Waipaku Stream feeds into the Kealia Pond and raises its water levels, but Wolfe said that hadn't happened in a long time.

When it rains, the stream will flow into Kealia's main pond and then into the outlet area that's now pink, this reduces the salinity. "That might be what makes it go away," Wolfe said.

No one at the refuge has seen the pond this colour before - not even volunteers

who have been around it for 70 years. The pond has been through periods of drought and high salinity before though, and Wolfe isn't sure why the colour has changed now.

Curious visitors have flocked to the park after photos of the pink pond appeared on social media. "We prefer that they come to hear about our mission conserving native and endangered waterbirds and our wetland restorations. But no, they're here to see the pink water," Wolfe joked.

## Bloody rampage leaves 800 dead: UN

### Cairo

FIGHTERS from a para-military force and their allied Arab militias have rampaged through a town in Sudan's war-ravaged region of Darfur, reportedly killing more than 800 people in a days-long attack, doctors and the United Nations say.

The attack on Ardamata, in West Darfur province, earlier this month is the latest in a series of atrocities in Darfur in a months-long war between the Sudanese military and the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces, RSF.

Sudan has been engulfed in chaos since mid-April, when simmering tensions between military chief General Abdel-Fattah Burhan and the commander of the paramilitary RSF, General Mohamed Hamdan Dagalo, exploded into open warfare. The war came 18 months after both generals removed a transitional government in a military coup.

The military takeover ended Sudan's short-lived, fragile transition to democracy following a popular uprising that forced the

overthrow of longtime strongman Omar al-Bashir in April 2019. In recent weeks, the RSF advanced in Darfur, taking over entire cities and towns across the sprawling region despite the warring parties' return to the negotiating table in Saudi Arabia late last month.

The first round of talks, brokered by the United States and Saudi Arabia, failed to establish a ceasefire. The attack in Ardamata came after the RSF took over a military base in the town after fighting with troops

there on November 4, said Salah Tour, head of the Sudanese Doctor's Union in West Darfur. He said the military withdrew from the base, adding that about two dozen wounded troops fled to Chad.

After seizing the military base, the RSF and allied Arab militias rampaged through the town, killing non-Arabs inside their homes and torching shelters housing displaced people, Tour said. "They went from house to house, killing and detaining people," he said.

## Three tourists killed in houseboat fire in India

### Srinagar

THREE Bangladeshi tourists have died in India's Kashmir region when houseboats stationed in the picturesque Dal Lake caught fire, a police official says.

Police said a fire broke out in one houseboat in the early hours of Saturday and quickly spread to other boats moored nearby. "Three Bangladeshi nationals were killed in one of the five houseboats destroyed," a police official said, adding seven others were injured.

A preliminary investigation found the fire was caused by faulty electric wiring, the official said.

Government figures show the Jammu and Kashmir region received over 16.2 million tourists in 2022, a record high since British colonial rule ended in 1947. The area is known for its snow-topped Himalayan mountains, fast-flowing rivers, meadows and wooden houseboats around beautiful lakes, that are a popular accommodation choice.

# The Public Sector INFORMANT



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## Pezzullo spotted amid investigation

WE AT *Public Eye* have spent the last few weeks wondering what controversial top bureaucrat **Michael Pezzullo** is doing with all his free time since he was stood aside as **Home Affairs** secretary.

Well, now we have an answer (sort of). Our snapper papped him walking through Kingston in the rain last week, the first time *The Canberra Times* has seen Mr Pezzullo in the wild since allegations were raised against him in September.

Mr Pezzullo was asked to stand aside while the **Australian Public Service Commission** investigates allegations he messaged a Liberal Party powerbroker over five years, seeking to influence political matters. But don't worry for him - he's still on his full pay package of almost \$915,000.

Associate secretary **Stephanie Foster** has stepped up to act as department boss for the duration of the investigation.

Mr Pezzullo's inquiry is actually one of about two dozen such probes into senior officials, which the Public Service Commission is currently undertaking.

Some of those include referrals from the robodebt royal commission report, but there are about seven others that have not been made public, **Gordon de Brouwer** told Senate estimates last month.

The security official was known for enforcing strict dress codes (remember when his department tried to dictate what staff could wear while working remotely?).

The agency's infamous "prescriptive" dress code has been relaxed significantly, according to officials at estimates, to focus on reminding staff to dress appropriately. (So go ahead and don your sleeveless tops.) They added this had happened before Mr Pezzullo agreed to stand aside.

But Mr Pezzullo looked very comfortable in his sneakers and sweatpants last week as we trudged through the rain.

His off-duty look included a purple cap with the letters "NYPD" (as in, New York Police Department?). Could this be a hint at Mr Pezzullo's next career move? *Public Eye* is on the case.



Mike Pezzullo was spotted walking in the rain in Kingston. Picture by Gary Ramage.

### Welfare payment delays revealed

Hundreds of thousands of social security and welfare claims were processed late in the last financial year, tabled documents in Senate estimates revealed last week.

**Services Australia** fronted the **Community Affairs Committee** last Tuesday, where a tabled document showed the number of claims that were processed outside of the agreed timeliness standard.

This included 34 per cent (105,168) of Paid Parental Leave claims, 28.5 per cent (61,813) of Age Pension claims, and 42 per cent (176,165) of Family Tax Benefit claims.

Another document revealed the average number of days taken to process a claim had increased across the majority of social security and welfare payments in 2022-23, compared to the previous financial year.

Elsewhere, a senate inquiry into Labor's Industrial Relations Omnibus bill heard evidence of the impact staff casualisation in Services Australia has had on wait times.

One staff member named Claire, who only gave her first name, told senators budgetary cuts saw many casual staff suddenly stop receiving shifts earlier this year, despite a backlog of claims.

"Our wait times currently for Centrelink are ... up to two hours, and this has led to increased frustrations for Australians," she said.

"And it's gotten to the point where there has been incidences of violence that our face-to-face staff have experienced."

### Ross Cadell's attention to detail

We always enjoy the emphasis on detail by NSW Nationals senator **Ross Cadell** when he does his duty for parliamentary transparency and updates the Register of Senators' Interests with gifts received.

In some previous updates of the register, he has told us how many prawns and party pies he nervously ate from NRL hospitality, and the approximate 1:10 scale of a mini

wheeler bin desktop pen cup to a "real wheeler bin".

The latest offering of what he was offered is a particular intraoral delight. The senator has added to the register that he, and other senators, received a TelScope Telehealth System from the Australian Dental Association while appearing at a select committee.

Senator Cadell noted the system, "combines a Medical Device & App to Capture Intraoral Telehealth Images and Videos, it provides intraoral illumination and retraction and depression of the tongue cheeks, it then captures medical grade quality images & videos inside the mouth for instant telehealth or teledentistry transmission using the included app to a doctor, dentist, or specialist. Cost unknown."

- with Karen Barlow

### Over to you

■ Does your agency have a dress code?  
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## Ombudsman helps to make whistleblowing fun with flow charts

THE Commonwealth Ombudsman has put out a handy tool for agencies seeking to understand their obligations under the Public Interest Disclosure Act.

The PID Act provides a framework for current and former public servants to blow the whistle on allegations of misconduct in the APS.

It is really quite a simple and straightforward process, like all public service matters. Or maybe not. A convoluted flowchart, produced by the Commonwealth Ombudsman, depicts the stages of handling disclosures made under the Act. The, er, sprawling process for bureaucrats wanting to blow the whistle was updated in the middle of the year to improve whistleblower protections, expand oversight

of the scheme and remove disclosures about "personal work-related conduct" (such as bullying or harassment), except in extreme cases.

### DEWR boss' CT shoutout

LinkedIn-savvy secretary **Natalie James** is a fan of *The Canberra Times* photographer Elesa Kurtz's work, it seems. The **Department of Employment and Workplace Relations**' annual report includes a credited photo of Ms James taken by this masthead at Senate estimates, instead of a headshot. It's actually a snap of her wearing the infamous op-shop tie, which she wryly donned in response to criticism of her colleague **Jim Betts** for appearing before

senators without a tie. Must be a fond memory.

### De Brouwer's favourite snacks

The **Public Service Commissioner** spent several years studying and working in Japan before he landed in the top job. So two items on **Dr Gordon de Brouwer's** gifts and benefits register caught *Public Eye's* attention: a box of 30 "Yoku Moku" wafer biscuits from Meiji University academic (valued at \$60) and four small Japanese cakes from the Bank of Japan (valued at \$20). The top bureaucrat has also listed a "mother of pearl/black lacquer trinket box" gifted to him by the South Korean Civil Service, valued at \$100.



The picture of secretary Natalie James in question. Picture by Elesa Kurtz



David McBride speaks to supporters outside the ACT Supreme Court last year. He returns to court on Monday. Pictures by Karleen Minney, AAP

# Govt's priorities are misplaced

David McBride will today be the first person to stand trial in relation to war crimes committed by Australian special forces in Afghanistan. Whistleblowers should be protected, not punished.

**Kobra Moradi, Rawan Arraf**

NEXT week marks three years since the release of the Brereton Report, which shed light on Australia's clandestine operations in Afghanistan and allegations of war crimes.

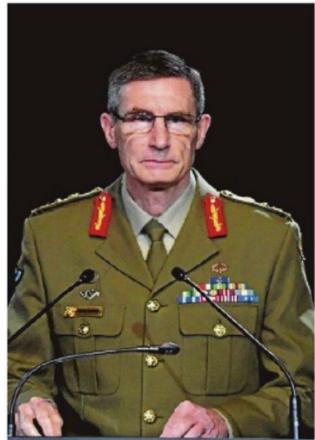
The Albanese government should be marking the occasion with action that ensures accountability and puts an end to impunity. Instead, on Monday a whistleblower will be on trial, for his role helping to expose so much of what we now know about unlawful killings and serious, systemic problems in the Australian Defence Force.

When David McBride appears at the ACT Supreme Court in Canberra, he will be the first person to stand trial in relation to the war crimes committed by Australian special forces in Afghanistan - the whistleblower, not an alleged war criminal.

McBride has said he blew the whistle internally and then to oversight agencies. It was only as a last resort that he is alleged to have leaked documents to the media that formed the basis of the ABC's *Afghan Files* - chronicling multiple accounts of unlawful killings of unarmed Afghan men and children, and revealing "ingrained problems" within the special forces, including a "warrior culture", "desensitisation" and "drift in values".

In one incident that took place in September 2013 during a house raid in Uruzgan, Australian soldiers shot to death a man named Bismillah Azadi and his six-year-old child Sadiqullah while they were asleep.

To date, only one war crimes charge has been issued, and no compensation plan has been released. Instead, it is McBride who is facing trial. Despite consistent calls from Afghan and Australian human rights groups and former whistleblowers, the



General Angus Campbell delivers the findings of the Brereton Report.

Attorney-General has refused to discontinue the case.

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The government should prioritise implementing the recommendations of the Brereton Inquiry and addressing the legacy of Australia's military involvement in Afghanistan. But here we are today, shooting the messenger. The efforts to reform the ADF are significantly undermined.

For more than a decade, a pervasive culture of silence, secrecy, and cover-ups within the special forces, including the fabrication of reporting and the planting of weapons at scenes of operations and dead bodies to show apparent compliance with the rules of war, concealed wrongdoing and prevented the crimes from surfacing.

The people of Afghanistan have suffered from decades of violent conflict and mass atrocity crimes at the hands of various

perpetrators - with little domestic and international efforts to ensure accountability and end impunity.

The prosecution and possible imprisonment of a whistleblower will perpetuate this culture of secrecy and silence in the ADF, which contributed to the failure to detect, prevent and respond to the war crimes in the first place. And it will do nothing to break the cycle of impunity, instead punishing those who helped to expose wrongdoing and pushed for accountability.

It will only serve as a glaring warning to current and future members of the Australian Defence Force that they must not speak out about internal failures, misconduct, and criminality, otherwise they will face repercussions.

The Brereton Report was alive to the importance of whistleblowers. "The implementation of cultural change in a military unit will be significantly facilitated by demonstrable support for those who are the agents of change," it found. "Too often, not only in the military, have the careers of whistle-blowers been adversely effected."

"Perhaps the single most effective indication that there is a commitment to cultural reform is the demonstration that those who have been instrumental in the exposure of misconduct, or are known to have acted with propriety and probity, are regarded as role models. It is crucial that their careers be seen to prosper."

These salient words should be borne in mind this week. Whistleblowers should be protected, not punished.

■ Kobra Moradi is a legal analyst at the Afghanistan Human Rights & Democracy Organisation. Rawan Arraf is executive director of the Australian Centre for International Justice.

## EDITORIAL

# No place for anti-Semitism in Australia

ANTI-SEMITISM has no place in Australia.

It is astonishing this needs to be said but there is now overwhelming evidence that "the world's oldest hatred" made its way from its poisonous core in Europe to the very place where victims of that hatred sought - and thought they had found - safety.

Utterly abhorrent anti-Jewish chants were heard (and filmed) at the demonstration in Sydney when the Opera House was lit in sympathy with Israel after the massacre by Hamas terrorists of 1400 people, including babies who had their throats cut.

A survey by the Zionist Federation of Australia found 64 per cent of Jewish students had experienced anti-Semitism at university. More than 100 Australian survivors of the Holocaust have written a letter denouncing the "senseless and virulent" anti-Semitism they feel is rising around them. So there is little doubt anti-Semitism in Australia is raising its hate-filled head more often in this country.

It is important not to confuse issues.

Disapproval of the policies of the government of Israel should not slide into anti-Semitism. Many will be angry about the way Israel has allowed illegal settlements on the occupied West Bank of the Jordan.

The ferocity of the Israeli response to the

**It is important not to see the situation in Israel and Gaza as a binary choice.**

massacre on October 7 has also sparked fury in parts of the community. But this should not ever be turned into animosity towards Jews.

Outrage at the plight of the Palestinian people, particularly those in Gaza, has brought to the surface a previously deep-seated anti-Semitism in some people. It has offered an excuse to those who previously hid their bigotry. No doubt, many pro-Palestine campaigners would say their objection is to the

treatment of Palestinians. Some say their anger is about Zionism - the idea of a Jewish state - and not about Jews as a group.

But that's not the way it appears to Jews. They do not see similar mass demonstrations of anger at the Hamas massacre.

One form of anti-Semitism is to hold Israel to higher standards than those to which other countries are held. Many countries have terrible human rights records.

Russia is currently devastating Ukraine (following the devastation of Chechnya). China has been accused of committing crimes against humanity, and possibly genocide, against the Uighurs. Saudi Arabia executed a journalist in one of its embassies and cut up his body using a bone saw.

In its 2022 report, Amnesty International said of Iran: "Enforced disappearances,

torture and other ill-treatment, including through the deliberate denial of medical care, were widespread and systematic."

None of these outrages seem as outrageous to some Australians as does the treatment of Palestinians by the Jewish state. None, apart perhaps from the invasion of Ukraine, has brought demonstrators out onto the streets of Australia in large numbers.

But the failings of the Jewish state seem very different. Why?

Messages can mean whatever people perceive them to mean, and to many Jews the message from the fringes of the recent pro-Palestine demonstrations is one of hate.

It is important not to see the situation in Israel and Gaza as a binary choice. It is not one of: do you think Israel is right or do you think Hamas is right? That is the simplistic mindset of the student union.

Some truths remain: Israel exists; the plight of Palestinians is desperate; Hamas is an anti-Semitic terrorist organisation which aims to obliterate not just Israel but Jews; Israel should have stopped the illegal settlements. But wisdom is needed, not slogans.

And Jews, reeling from the unspeakable horrors in Israel of October 7, need reassurance they are welcome and treated with love, not hatred.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## We need to own our mistakes, not blame the truth-tellers

WHEN a person honestly acknowledges a mistake, it makes us feel that it's possible to proceed sensibly again along our shared human path.

This is why we are grateful that David McBride, a former British Army major and Australian Army lawyer, has encouraged us to acknowledge that our defence forces made some terrible mistakes in Afghanistan. Didn't we hear even the US President acknowledge his own country's mistaken and too-hasty decisions concerning retaliatory wars in his recent visit to Israel?

Yet we understand that, following McBride's revelations, we are going to use finicky and outdated whistleblowing laws this coming week which might end with him being sent to jail.

I ask Mr Dreyfus, our Attorney-General, please to intervene so that, whatever it does in its defence, this country cannot be accused of covering up its mistakes with clever but confusing use of its laws and legal system.

**Jill Sutton, Watson**

### An extraordinary injustice

Taking whistleblower David McBride to court because he told the truth about crimes committed in Afghanistan is an extraordinary injustice when you consider recent judicial statements in regard behaviour of troops and the ongoing pressing of charges.

There can be no other reason for this case to continue than attempting to frighten any future truth-tellers. We will never again be able to believe in our judicial system if this case goes ahead.

**Gerry Gillespie, Queanbeyan**

### ABC imbalance on Gaza

As they did during the Voice campaign, clearly supporting the "yes", the ABC is now repeating in their reporting on the Isra-

el-Gaza war, shamelessly displaying their bias, portraying Hamas - designated as a terrorist organisation by the US, the UK, the EU, Canada, Australia, and Japan - as the victims.

Worse still, the ABC's imbalanced reporting is enabling Hamas to win the propaganda war.

Every ABC report on an Israeli air strike, regurgitates Hamas spin, telling us how many children have been killed or injured, using exaggerated Hamas figures without verification, but ignoring how many Hamas terrorists, the actual targets, have been killed. Nor do they mention that Hamas are using women and children as human shields.

In contrast, BBC TV is much more balanced, reminding us that there are innocent victims on both sides, but not forgetting what started this latest conflict and that there are still 240 Israelis, including men, women, children, parents and grandparents, being held hostage by Hamas in Gaza.

When the IDF bombs a target, which strangely enough, according to Hamas is always a "hospital", it's deemed a war crime, whereas the rape, murder, torture, and mutilation of men, women, and children in the October 7 incursion by Hamas was not?

My ABC, Your ABC is now Their ABC. Problem is we don't know who they are?

**Declan McGrath, Gordon**

### Conundrums of the Middle East

1. Hamas have a non-negotiable position that Israel has no right to exist and that all Jewish people must be expelled or killed. This is totally unrealistic and unacceptable.

2. Israel has reneged on the Oslo Accords and has an unstated but clear intention to annex the West Bank. Contrary to international law, Israeli settlements are being established throughout that region and the human rights of the Palestinian people are



David McBride speaks to supporters at a rally last year. Picture by Karleen Minney

being systematically undermined and destroyed.

3. This Israeli position has pushed the Palestinian people into desperate measures and Hamas, financed and armed by Iran, has taken advantage of this situation for its own purposes, without regard for the consequences for the civilian populations of Gaza or Israel.

4. Hamas has responded to their suppression in Gaza by terror and culminating in its barbaric raid into Israel on October 7 during which they took hostages (including young children) and murdered hundreds of innocent civilians.

5. The Israelis had no choice to respond but the nature and extent of the response has led to grievous suffering of the Palestinian populace who are being used as human

shields by Hamas.

Is there any solution to this awful situation? I can see no hope of any real progress until mutual exhaustion leads to a realisation that that the two-state solution to the West Bank imbroglio is the only viable option and that both the Arab and Jewish peoples will be better off with each making concessions to reality and history.

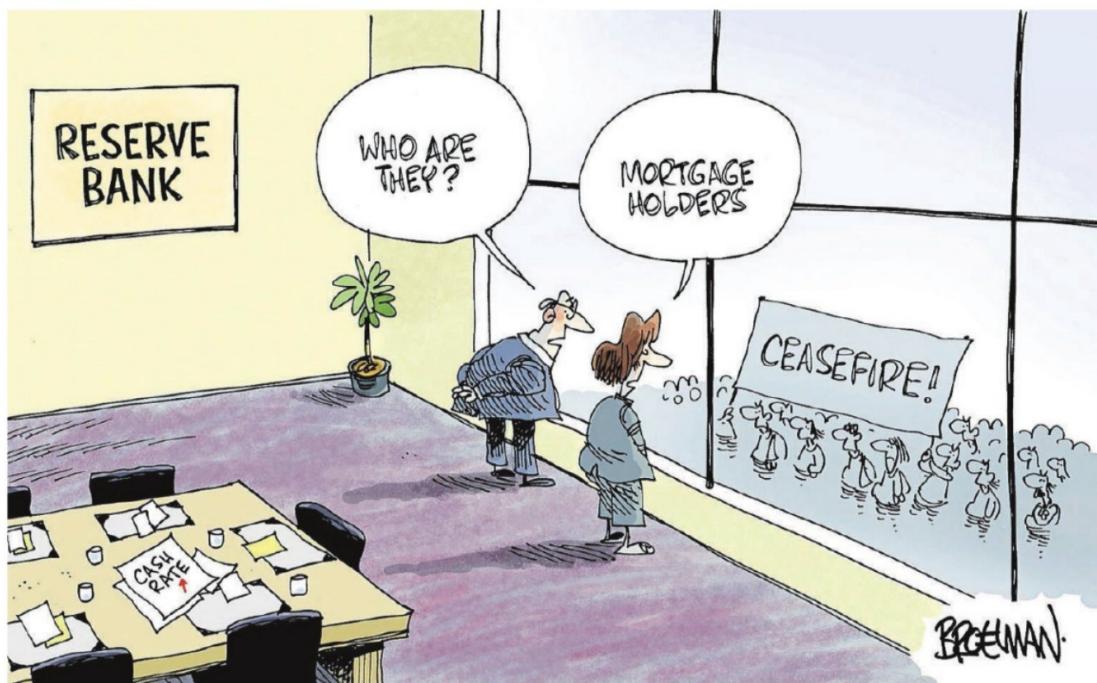
To avoid that happening is going to require statesmanship, diplomacy and leadership of the highest order.

**James Gralton, Red Hill**

### Pollies in the pocket of Israel

It is now known that some 13 of the 31 members of the UK's Labour shadow cabinet have received donations from a prominent

## BROELMAN'S VIEW



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pro-Israel lobby group or from individual funders.

The list of recipients includes party leader, his deputy, shadow foreign secretary, who is now shadow international development minister. These donations were provided by Labour friends of Israel (LFI), a pro-Israel lobby group which takes MPs on "fact-finding" missions to the region, as also happens in Australia as well, with massive donations as well from multi-millionaire business tycoons and long-time pro-Israel lobbyists.

More than half of the UK shadow cabinet are listed as parliamentary supporters or officers of Labour Friends of Israel. If we conducted a survey out here in this US-sycophantic government, therefore by association Israel supporters as well, we might find that even though Australia may not reach 86% of Israel-control of government members as in the USA, but with the PM, Foreign Affairs and Defence Ministers leading the way, we could soon reach that number as well.

So much for anti-apartheid, humane policies or any sign of justice from this now very feeble and corrupt country with a government to match.

Rex Williams, Springwood, NSW

## War crimes in eye of the beholder

Professor Robert Goldman has provided readers ("Is Israel ignoring rule of proportionality", Opinion, November 11) with a detailed analysis of the circumstances in which Israeli attacks on Palestinian military installations located within or underneath civilian objects can constitute war crimes, including possible application of the rule of proportionality.

Curiously the Professor does not address the activities of the other side in this dreadful

war. Did the Palestinian attack of October 7 constitute a war crime? Did the taking of civilian hostages constitute a war crime? Does the firing of rockets from Gaza to civilian villages in Israel constitute a war crime? Does location of military installations in or under civilian buildings constitute a war crime?

Ernst Willheim, Campbell

## Truth in advertising

Political advertising should abide by laws similar to those that protect consumers from commercial misleading advertising, says MP Zali Steggall ("Australians back truth in advertising", October 20).

Why aiming so low? Commercial advertising is rife with deception, infiltrating even the children's section at the National Library of Australia's bookshop.

Its website advertises 17 children's classics, each one priced at "x dollars and 99 cents". Revered titles aren't spared: Saint-Exupery's "Little Prince", \$19.99; May Gibbs' "Snugglepot and Cuddlepie", \$39.99; Dr Seuss' "Oh, the places you'll go!", \$19.99.

Constant exposure to petty, low-level deceptive advertising is far from trivial or inconsequential.

It insidiously erodes social trust, normalises dishonesty and sets the scene for serious fraud. No surprise then if idealistic

little princes and princesses at some point transmogrify into misleading advertisers and cheats - political or otherwise.

Oh, the places you'll go!

Jorge Gapella, Kaleen

## Care needed over patient privacy

Great caution is needed before attempting to force disclosure of clinical details of a mental health patient ("Opposition calls for full release of review", November 9).

Even the efforts to force disclosure, as well as any disclosure, will be observed and absorbed by many citizens for whom the disclosure efforts will ricochet as a demonstration of what happens to their clinical details if they seek mental health support.

Life events can impact anyone and everyone's mental health and create a hitherto non-existent need for mental health support. Our community needs to build confidence in mental health support so we seek it when we need it, rather than needing to be forced to accept same in sometimes desperate circumstances.

It is also as well to remember that the term "mental health" covers a wide range of mental issues: some folk with mental health difficulties can advocate for themselves and some need a mental health specialist (a psychiatrist) to advocate for them.

There is also the fact that no politician to my knowledge has the mental health training to comprehend the clinical details. This is not an issue for political wedging, even though secrecy and obfuscation is the standard response of our current government. We can afford confidence in our Chief Psychiatrist.

Warwick Davis, Isaacs

## HAVE YOUR SAY

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## WRITTEN BY THE PEN

As a military power Israel's position is that might is right. But history will be written by the pen.

Patrick Feneley, Bonython

## SIMPLE FIX

Why did it take 10 hours for someone at Optus to try turning the network off and back on again?

Terry Leving, Dickson

## STAY OUT OF THE FIGHT

I understand it is illegal to go overseas from Australia to fight in a conflict, other than as a member of the military of a recognised country. So if there are people heading to join Hamas (Mark Sproat, Letters, November 10), they certainly wouldn't be telegraphing it. On the other hand, I think I have read of people leaving Australia to enlist or re-enlist in the Israeli military, as that is not illegal. I wouldn't be explicitly or implicitly encouraging or daring Australian residents to do either.

Peter Marshall, Captains Flat, NSW

## MAKING ME ASHAMED

I'm not sure whether I am more ashamed to call myself Australian every time Pauline Hanson shares her opinions in the public forum, or when I consider the number of Australians who voted her in.

Kellie Nissen, Kaleen

## WAY TO WAIL

Wailing about wind farms isn't about the whales, won't help whales, and doesn't in any way lessen real hurdles with nuclear, the Coalition's one energy policy.

Jim Allen, Panorama, SA

## GIN AND BEAR IT

Could distillers perhaps turn expired stocks of hand sanitiser into gin? ("States wash hands of expired sanitiser", November 10, p19)

Ian Douglas, Jerrabomberra

## MIDDLE EAST MEMO

I had some distractions in the past few weeks. Just wondering if I (or any other readers for that matter) had missed out on the memo which described Hamas for what they really are; a bunch of cowardly scum who are quite happy to hide behind innocent people and expect to be able to create chaos at will. I don't know what else is missing in the Middle East at the moment (besides peace) but oxygen is clearly in short supply.

Michael Doyle, Fraser

## CASH STILL KING

Keith Hill (Letters, November 10) has a charming message about the tooth fairy always needing cash. The need, however, also extends beyond middle class respectability. I tell my grandchildren, dishonest people will always need cash. Even large bags of cash seem to change hands even in high places, untraceable and untaxable.

Stewart Bath, Isabella Plains

## LET'S NOT FORGET

With the catastrophe unfolding in the Middle East, it has seemed to take the war in Ukraine off centre stage. We must not forget that Russia is murdering Ukrainian civilians every day.

Kim Fitzgerald, Deakin

## MORALS MATCHING ITS MIGHT?

With its indiscriminate bombardment of Gaza killing thousands of civilian men, women and children Israel was shown the world it has unmatched military might. But does it now have on its side moral right? That is the question for humanity.

Rajend Naidu, Glenfield, NSW

# It's code blue for Australia's ocean crisis

**SIMON  
BRADSHAW**

I CLIMB back on the boat, comparing notes with ocean scientist Professor Jodie Rummer - my snorkelling buddy for the day - on what we'd spotted below the sea's surface. A white tip reef shark, a school of barracudas, giant clams, acres of bright blue staghorn corals. It doesn't matter how many times you set eyes on a healthy coral reef - it blows you away every time.

We are up on a northern part of the Great Barrier Reef for the launch of *Code Blue: Our Oceans in Crisis* - the Climate Council's first comprehensive report on climate change and our oceans.

It was a stark reminder of just how much hangs in the balance - what we are losing, but what we still can and must fight to save.

We saw healthy patches of reef, some of which have been lovingly tended by marine scientists and assisted in their recovery. But we also saw vast tracts that can only be described as coral boneyards - areas that have never recovered from successive marine heatwaves.

The truth is our Great Barrier Reef, and indeed our ocean at large, is in very serious trouble. As we head into another El Nino summer, there are well-founded fears of another devastating mass bleaching event.

More than half-a-billion people worldwide depend on coral reefs for their food, livelihoods, and the protection of their coastlines. Tragically, the damage to tropical coral reefs is but one aspect of a much larger crisis affecting our oceans. A crisis brought on by climate change, driven by the burning of coal, oil and gas.

The vast majority - around 93 per cent - of the extra heat we have trapped by burning fossil fuels has ended up in the ocean. It's an astonishing amount of energy - equivalent to detonating five Hiroshima atomic bombs every second, or enough energy to boil Sydney Harbour every eight minutes.



Coral bleaching is killing the world famous Great Barrier Reef. Picture Shutterstock

This has consequences. More frequent and severe heatwaves are pushing coral reefs and other critical marine ecosystems to the brink. Ice sheets are melting at an accelerating rate, driving up sea levels and displacing coastal communities. The ocean circulations and currents that distribute heat, rainfall and nutrients around the planet are slowing and may even be headed for collapse.

The potential impacts of these abrupt changes are truly profound.

All life depends on the water cycle that starts in the ocean. The ocean and the atmosphere form a coupled system that shapes the Earth's climate, creating the stable conditions that have enabled advanced human societies to develop. Humans also need the ocean in other fundamental ways: every second breath we take comes from oxygen produced by the ocean. Even if we live thou-

sands of kilometres inland, our weather is shaped by what is happening in our oceans.

The ocean's enormous capacity to absorb heat may have masked the true extent of the damage. But today these changes are coming back to bite us. This year is almost certain to register as the Earth's warmest year on record, and Australia faces yet another climate reckoning with a devastatingly early start to our fire season, and warnings of worse to come.

Put simply, the global dance between the ocean and the atmosphere underpins life as we know it.

The latest observations suggest we are perilously close to dangerous tipping points for our ocean that could trigger millennia of irreversible sea level rise and the collapse of the ocean circulations and marine ecosystems upon which we depend for our very survival.

We ignore these warnings at our peril. There is only one solution to our climate and ocean crises, and that is to leave our fossil fuels in the ground and get our emissions plummeting. Fast. Australia must aim to reduce its emissions by 75 per cent below 2005 level by 2030, and reach net zero by 2035. And we must urgently update our outdated national environment law so that it takes account of the dangers of climate change and puts a halt to the reckless expansion of our fossil fuel industries.

In hospital emergency rooms, a code blue is called when a life-threatening event is under way. We are calling a code blue for our oceans today, because the crisis in our oceans threatens all life as we know it - including our own.

■ Dr Simon Bradshaw is research director at the Climate Council.

## Paradise lost: why Albanese's Cook Islands trip was so vital

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THE Prime Minister's trip to the Cook Islands for the 52nd Pacific Islands Forum Leaders' Meeting was the third and final act of an international itinerary that included being feted by the world's two superpowers.

And while the setting was strikingly different to the White House and Beijing's Great Hall of the People, the Meeting was a profoundly important event that highlighted the challenges faced by the communities on the front lines of climate change.

As the world's largest blue oceans continent, Australia sits as both a physical and diplomatic bridge between the US and China. As a founding member of the Pacific Island Forum, what Australia said in the Cook Islands will have important and lasting implications not only for the Pacific, but also for our own country and the wider region.

At a press conference on Friday, Prime Minister Anthony Albanese pledged to support climate refugees from Tuvalu to resettle in Australia. WWF-Australia welcomes this commitment as an expression of Australia's humanitarian values, but Mr Albanese's

government needs to do much more given the scale of the climate crisis confronting the region. Australia needs to significantly increase the ambition of its emissions reduction targets and decarbonise much more quickly if we are going to help avert a total climate catastrophe.

We know that despite the idyllic scenes of an island paradise with palm trees, turquoise waters and white sand, communities across the Blue Pacific are facing an existential crisis.

Pacific Island countries are experiencing earlier, more frequent, and more extreme weather events, as ocean warming, coastal inundation, sea level rise, and acidification erode the ecosystems that underpin livelihoods and culture. Just this year, Vanuatu has been devastated by three major tropical cyclones in only seven months.

Pacific leaders have been telling the world of the crisis they are confronting for many years now, but we have not heeded their warnings because of our unhealthy addiction to fossil fuels.

The island nations of the Pacific need countries like Australia to support their adaptation and resilience efforts, but they also need us to listen to their calls to tackle the root causes of climate change.

In March this year, six Pacific nations clearly set out their roadmap for climate action, including phasing out fossil fuels, to save their island homes.

The Port Vila Call for a Just Transition to a Fossil-Fuel Free Pacific detailed a four-point action plan that included the creation of a global fossil fuel non-proliferation treaty.

It also calls for new Pacific-tailored development pathways based on 100% renewable energy, expanded public and private finance mechanisms and a redoubling of efforts to reaffirm, strengthen and codify legal obligations for the global phase out of fossil fuels.

These are all things that Australia can support as it steps up to contribute its fair share of global climate finance.

The PM last year set out a vision to be a renewable energy superpower. Australia has also put up its hand to host the COP31 climate summit in 2026, in partnership with the Pacific, and has started to increase its commitments to global climate finance. A successful joint bid for COP31 would help the nation demonstrate global leadership on climate change, following a long period of being seen as a 'climate laggard'.

It would also bring overseas investment and fast-track Australia's ambition to be a global leader in renewable energy.

As co-hosts of COP31, Pacific leaders - who are already a powerful force at UN climate events - would be front and centre with Australia to powerfully state their case on financing, adaptation, and mitigation.

It would also be a unique opportunity for Australia to work together with the Pacific to take ambitious commitments coming from COP30 in Brazil and turn those into global climate actions.

But if the Australian government takes its bid to co-host COP31 seriously, it must first reconsider its position on approving new coal and gas developments. Australia must exit from fossil fuels on a set timeline and deliver on climate finance to support our Pacific neighbours.

Australia also has a responsibility to countries in East and South Asia who have set targets to achieve net zero emissions by 2050 and are currently buyers of our coal and gas. We must help them in their rapid transitions to renewable energy and be clear that they too must deliver on their global emissions reduction commitments.

Australia's actions at the Pacific Island Forum this week are a step in the right direction, but they must be just the start. ■ Dermot O'Gorman is chief executive of WWF-Australia.



Asylum seekers stare at media from behind a fence at the Manus Island detention centre in 2014. Picture AAP

# Is immigration reform on cards?

The High Court has decided indefinite detention is unlawful after ordering the release of a Rohingya man who had been held for more than five years. So what happens now?



THIS week, the High Court of Australia ordered the release of a Rohingya man from immigration detention where he had been for the last five-and-a-half years.

Commentators and human rights groups have been celebrating this decision, which indicates the court will overturn a 20-year-old precedent.

The court has stated it will release its decision at a later time. It is important to wait for that judgment to determine the full implications of the decision and how it may limit the government's power to detain non-citizens.

But here's a brief rundown on the background of the case and some considerations of what could happen next.

The laws in question are in the Migration Act, which states a non-citizen who does not hold a visa must be detained.

Currently people in immigration detention do not have the right to have a court determine whether their detention is necessary, reasonable, and/or proportionate. These assessments are undertaken by departmental officials and the minister.

The law considers detention mandatory, irrespective of someone's circumstances.

In the case of *Al-Kateb v Godwin*, the chief justice of the High Court described the need for detention: "A person [...] might be young or old, dangerous or harmless, likely or unlikely to abscond, recently in detention or someone who has been there for years, healthy or unhealthy, badly affected by incarceration or relatively unaffected. The considerations that might bear upon the

reasonableness of a discretionary decision to detain such a person do not operate."

The detained person must remain so until granted a visa or is removed. Removal, if it's needed, must occur as soon as "reasonably practicable". Over the years, many cases have tested these laws, and until now, the High Court has upheld them.

The lack of time limits on detention, and the inability to challenge it, have made Australia an outlier internationally.

The laws have also been heavily criticised, both domestically and globally.

## Who was at the centre of the case?

The Rohingya refugee at the centre of the case is referred to as "NZYQ". He's around 30.

As a Rohingya, he had not been able to obtain citizenship of Myanmar and was stateless.

He had arrived in Australia by boat in 2012. He had been granted a temporary visa, but this was cancelled in 2015 after he committed a criminal offence and was sentenced to a term in prison. Still unable to get a visa, he was transferred to immigration detention once he'd served his sentence.

Australia accepted the man could not be sent to Myanmar, and instead tried unsuccessfully to have a number of other countries take him via their refugee or humanitarian programs.

Having found there was no country he could be removed to in the "reasonably foreseeable future" and his visa refused, the man was facing the prospect of remaining in detention indefinitely.

In light of this, the High Court found his ongoing detention was unlawful and they ordered his immediate release from detention.

## Law that comes with a cost

There is an increasing number of people in detention who remain there for long periods of time. Some are stateless, and others who can't be returned to their home countries due to risk of persecution.

Over the past five years, the average length of detention has increased from 445 days to 708 days. Some people have been detained for more than 10 years.

One of the many criticisms levelled at this system is it's extremely expensive.

Between 2020 and 2021, the average cost to the Australian taxpayer for one person in an immigration detention facility was \$428,542. That's not to mention the significant physical and mental health toll on people. There have been close to 3000 incidents of self-harm - real and threatened - in detention over the past five years.

## So what happens in the short term?

As a first step, the government may be facing the prospect of releasing a number of people who have been detained for several years.

It is estimated there may be 92 people impacted by the judgment.

The government has stated the Rohingya man in the case has been released on "strict conditions", but we don't know what sort of visa he might be on.

It is not clear what those conditions are, but legally, a person can be released from detention on a temporary "bridging visa".

The Department of Home Affairs can impose conditions on a bridging visa which could include:

- Where the person lives;
- Reporting regularly to the Department of Home Affairs;

■ That the person "not engage in criminal conduct"; and

■ That they comply with a specific "code of behaviour".

This, of course, should be accompanied by a range of psychological and social support services, which are currently very limited.

There will need to be consideration for better pathways to more visa certainty and permanent residency, especially for stateless people.

## Legislative reform on the cards

We need to wait for the judgment to determine what, if any, legislative reform may be needed, but the government will be considering a number of options. We should use this opportunity to ensure our laws comply with our human rights obligations.

International standards specify a person detained for immigration purposes must be brought before a judicial authority "promptly" and that their detention must be subject to "regular periodic reviews". There is a substantial body of evidence demonstrating that hasn't been the case for far too long.

A key legislative reform should be to make detention discretionary instead of mandatory. People should also have access to independent review of their detention.

There has been a wealth of inquiries, submissions and examples from overseas which the government could look to, for a start.

More will be revealed about this case in the coming weeks and months, but there are many things the government can start doing immediately to better balance this unfair and punitive system.

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## TV GUIDE

## MONDAY, November 13

ABC TV (CH 2, 20)	SBS (CH 3, 30)	SEVEN (CH 6)	NINE (CH 8, 80)	TEN (CH 5)
<b>6.00</b> News Breakfast. <b>9.00</b> ABC News Mornings. <b>10.00</b> Landline. (R) <b>11.00</b> Antiques Roadshow. (R) <b>12.00</b> ABC News At Noon. <b>1.00</b> QI. (PG, R) <b>2.00</b> Parliament Question Time. <b>3.10</b> Gardening Australia. (R) <b>4.10</b> All Creatures Great And Small. A young man dreams of becoming a vet. (PG, R) <b>4.55</b> Back Roads. Presented by Heather Ewart. (R) <b>5.25</b> Hard Quiz. Presented by Tom Gleeson. (PG, R)	<b>6.00</b> WorldWatch. <b>7.30</b> France 24 English News. <b>8.00</b> DD India Prime Time News. <b>9.15</b> Home Is Where The Art Is. (PG) <b>10.05</b> Victorian House Of Arts And Crafts. (PG) <b>11.15</b> Great Canal Journeys. (PG) <b>12.10</b> BBC News At Ten. <b>12.30</b> ABC World News Tonight With David Muir. <b>1.00</b> Al Jazeera News Hour. <b>2.00</b> Legends Of The Pharaohs. (PG) <b>3.15</b> Mastermind Australia. <b>3.45</b> The Cook Up With Adam Liaw. (R) <b>4.15</b> Secret Scotland. (R) <b>5.05</b> Jeopardy! (R) <b>5.30</b> Letters And Numbers. (R)	<b>6.00</b> Sunrise. <b>9.00</b> The Morning Show. (PG) <b>11.30</b> Seven Morning News. <b>12.00</b> MOVIE Evil Stepmom. Tara Spencer-Nairn. A teenager is suspicious of her dad's fiancée. (2021, Mav) <b>2.00</b> Autopsy USA: Davy Jones. A look at the death of singer Davy Jones. (Mad, R) <b>3.00</b> The Chase. Hosted by Bradley Walsh. <b>4.00</b> Seven News At 4. <b>5.00</b> The Chase Australia. Hosted by Larry Emdur.	<b>6.00</b> Today. <b>9.00</b> Today Extra. (PG) <b>11.30</b> Morning News. <b>12.00</b> My Mum Your Dad. Hosted by Kate Langbroek. (PGs, R) <b>1.30</b> Getaway. The team takes a Harley ride through WA. (PG, R) <b>2.00</b> Pointless. Presented by Alexander Armstrong. (PG, R) <b>3.00</b> Tipping Point. Hosted by Ben Shephard. (PG) <b>4.00</b> Afternoon News. <b>4.30</b> Millionaire Hot Seat. Hosted by Eddie McGuire. <b>5.30</b> WIN News.	<b>6.00</b> The Talk. (PG) <b>7.00</b> Everyday Gourmet With Justine Schofield. <b>7.30</b> Entertainment Tonight. <b>8.00</b> Farm To Fork. <b>8.30</b> Good Chef Bad Chef. <b>9.00</b> Judge Judy. (PG) <b>9.30</b> The Bold And The Beautiful. (PG) <b>10.00</b> Studio 10. (PG) <b>12.00</b> 10 News First: Midday. <b>1.00</b> Dr Phil. (Ma, R) <b>2.00</b> To Be Advised. <b>3.30</b> Farm To Fork. Series return. <b>4.00</b> Neighbours. (PG) <b>4.30</b> The Bold And The Beautiful. (PG) <b>5.00</b> 10 News First.
<b>6.00</b> The Drum. <b>7.00</b> ABC News. A look at the top stories of the day. <b>7.30</b> <b>7.30</b> . Presented by Sarah Ferguson. <b>8.00</b> Australian Story: Take A Bow - Brett Yang And Eddy Chen. The story of Brett Yang and Eddy Chen. <b>8.30</b> Evacuation: We Should Have Gone Earlier. Part 1 of 3. (Mav) <b>9.20</b> Media Watch. Paul Barry takes a look at the latest issues affecting media consumers. (PG) <b>9.35</b> Q+A. Presented by Patricia Karvelas. <b>10.40</b> ABC Late News. <b>10.55</b> The Business. (R) <b>11.10</b> The Trouble With Maggie Cole. (PG, R) <b>12.00</b> Parliament Question Time. <b>1.00</b> The China Century. (Mav, R) <b>2.00</b> Rage. (MA15+adhlsv) <b>4.00</b> Kurt Fearnley's One Plus One. (R) <b>4.30</b> The Drum. (R) <b>5.30</b> <b>7.30</b> . (R)	<b>6.00</b> Mastermind Australia. (R) <b>6.30</b> SBS World News. <b>7.30</b> The Secrets Of Coca-Cola: The Billion Dollar Beverage. Explores the history of Coca-Cola. (PGad, R) <b>8.35</b> JFK: The Making Of A President. Explores the life of President John F. Kennedy in an effort to uncover the man behind the myth. (Mav) <b>9.30</b> Secrets Of The Tower Of London. The Tower celebrates the anniversary of the Queen's June 1953 coronation. (PG, R) <b>10.20</b> SBS World News Late. <b>10.50</b> My Brilliant Friend. Pietro meets his future in-laws. (Mav) <b>11.55</b> La Jauria. (MA15+av, R) <b>3.35</b> Going Places With Ernie Dingo. (PGaw, R) <b>4.35</b> Bamay: Murrumbidgee River - Wiradjuri Country. (R) <b>5.00</b> NHK World English News Morning. <b>5.30</b> ANC Philippines The World Tonight.	<b>6.00</b> Seven News. <b>7.00</b> Home And Away. Justin and Rose fear for Leah. John reacts to the Surf Club's verdict. Kirby shares her success with Lyrik. (PGa) <b>8.30</b> Big Brother. The housemates are rocked by the unexpected arrival of two intruders - Bella and Teejay. (Mal) <b>9.45</b> S.W.A.T. When the team responds to a home invasion, they uncover a plot against a professional gridiron player. (Mav) <b>10.45</b> The Latest: Seven News. <b>11.15</b> Chicago Fire. Carver deals with the fallout of his arrest. (Ma) <b>12.15</b> Kochie's Business Builders. Information and advice for businesses. (R) <b>12.45</b> Bates Motel. A woman and her son open a motel. (MA15+advd, R) <b>2.00</b> Home Shopping. (R) <b>5.00</b> Seven Early News. <b>5.30</b> Sunrise. News, sport and weather.	<b>6.00</b> Nine News. <b>7.00</b> A Current Affair. <b>7.30</b> My Mum Your Dad. Hosted by Kate Langbroek. (PGs) <b>9.00</b> Million Dollar Murders: Gerard Ross. Retired detective Deb Wallace looks at the 1997 murder of 11-year-old Gerard Ross. (Mv) <b>10.10</b> Reported Missing: Domestic Abuse. Police hunt for two missing women. (Mav) <b>11.20</b> Nine News Late. A look at the latest news and events. <b>11.50</b> Resident Alien. The mayor hires a new town doctor. (Malsv, R) <b>12.40</b> Tipping Point. Hosted by Ben Shephard. (PG, R) <b>1.35</b> Pointless. (PG, R) <b>2.30</b> Global Shop. (R) <b>3.00</b> TV Shop: Home Shopping. (R) <b>4.00</b> Believer's Voice Of Victory. (PGa) <b>4.30</b> A Current Affair. (R) <b>5.00</b> News Early Edition. <b>5.30</b> Today.	<b>6.30</b> The Project. A look at the day's news and events. <b>7.30</b> Dessert Masters. To win the first immunity challenge, the contestants need to make a dish that is not what it seems. (PG) <b>8.45</b> The Secrets She Keeps. Series return. Two years after her child was kidnapped, someone is dead and Meghan Shaughnessy is being held for murder. (Mal) <b>9.45</b> FBI: Most Wanted. The team heads to Washington, DC to protect Ortiz's former informant after a hit man tries to kill her. (Mdv, R) <b>11.30</b> The Project. A look at the day's news and events. (R) <b>12.30</b> The Late Show With Stephen Colbert. Stephen Colbert interviews a variety of guest, including Jim Gaffigan. Performance by Caroline Polachek. (PG) <b>1.30</b> Home Shopping. (R) <b>4.30</b> CBS Mornings. Morning news and talk show.
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<b>6.00</b> Children's Programs. <b>1.55</b> Hoopla. <b>2.20</b> Grace's Amazing Machines. <b>2.55</b> Mecha Builders. <b>3.15</b> PJ Masks. <b>3.30</b> Play School. <b>4.00</b> Andy's Wild Adventures. <b>4.35</b> Go Jetters. <b>5.05</b> Piffarates. <b>5.30</b> Kiya And The Kimoja Heroes. <b>5.55</b> Peter Rabbit. <b>6.30</b> Andy And The Band. <b>7.05</b> Star Wars: Young Jedi Adventures. <b>7.30</b> Spicks And Specks. <b>8.00</b> Would I Lie To You? (PG) <b>8.30</b> MythBusters. (PG) <b>9.20</b> George Clarke's Amazing Spaces. <b>10.10</b> Louis Theroux: By Reason Of Insanity. (M) <b>11.10</b> Would I Lie To You? (PG) <b>11.40</b> QI. (M) <b>12.15</b> Whose Line Is It Anyway? (PG) <b>12.35</b> Escape From The City. <b>1.35</b> Veneno. (MA15+) <b>3.30</b> Close. <b>5.00</b> Children's Programs.	<b>6.00</b> WorldWatch. <b>9.30</b> Small Business Secrets. <b>10.05</b> Shortland St. (PG) <b>12.05</b> Secrets Of America's Shadow Government. <b>12.55</b> Lethal Ladies: NZ Female Fighters. (M) <b>1.20</b> The Inside Story. (PG) <b>1.50</b> American Runestone: A Viking Mystery. (PG) <b>3.40</b> WorldWatch. <b>5.20</b> Shortland St. (PG) <b>5.50</b> The Curse Of Oak Island. (PG) <b>6.40</b> Jeopardy! <b>7.30</b> NITV News Update. <b>7.35</b> 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown. (M) <b>8.30</b> Taskmaster. (M) <b>9.25</b> Then You Run. (MA15+) <b>10.20</b> The Kingdom. (M) <b>11.45</b> Hoarders. (M) <b>1.25</b> I Was A Teenage Felon. (M) <b>3.10</b> NHK World English News. <b>5.00</b> ANC Philippines The World Tonight.	<b>6.00</b> Shopping. <b>6.30</b> The Real Seachange. (PG) <b>7.00</b> The Surgery Ship. (PG) <b>8.00</b> Million Dollar Minute. <b>9.00</b> Harry's Practice. <b>9.30</b> NBC Today. <b>10.30</b> Better Homes. <b>1.00</b> Business Builders. <b>1.30</b> The Real Seachange. (PG) <b>2.00</b> Weekend. <b>2.30</b> Chris Tarrant's Extreme Railway Journeys. <b>3.20</b> Better Homes And Gardens. <b>5.30</b> I Escaped To The Country. (PG) <b>6.30</b> Bargain Hunt. <b>7.30</b> Doc Martin. (PG) <b>8.30</b> Endeavour. (M) <b>10.30</b> Air Crash Investigations. (PG) <b>11.30</b> Doc Martin. (PG) <b>12.30</b> Surf Patrol. <b>1.00</b> Endeavour. (M) <b>3.00</b> Better Homes. <b>4.00</b> Million Dollar Minute. <b>5.00</b> It's Written. (PG) <b>5.30</b> Late Programs.	<b>6.00</b> Children's Programs. <b>12.00</b> Medium. (M) <b>1.00</b> Rich House, Poor House. (PG) <b>2.00</b> Bewitched. <b>2.30</b> Full House. (M) <b>3.00</b> MacGyver. (PG) <b>4.00</b> Family Ties. (PG) <b>4.30</b> The Addams Family. <b>5.00</b> Bewitched. <b>5.30</b> I Dream Of Jeannie. <b>6.00</b> Everybody Loves Raymond. (PG) <b>7.00</b> Young Sheldon. (PG) <b>7.30</b> Seinfeld. (PG) <b>8.30</b> Love Island Australia. (M) <b>9.45</b> MOVIE American Reunion. Jason Biggs. (2012, MA15+ains, CC) <b>12.00</b> Seinfeld. (PG) <b>1.00</b> Life After Lockup. (M) <b>2.00</b> I Dream Of Jeannie. <b>2.30</b> Full House. <b>3.00</b> Bakugan: Geogan Rising. (PG) <b>3.30</b> Ninjago. (PG) <b>4.00</b> Ricky Zoom. <b>4.30</b> Transformers: Prime. (PG) <b>5.00</b> Pokémon. (PG) <b>5.30</b> Late Programs.	<b>6.00</b> The Big Bang Theory. (PG) <b>8.30</b> The Middle. (PG) <b>10.30</b> Friends. (PG) <b>12.00</b> Charmed. (M) <b>2.00</b> The Big Bang Theory. (PG) <b>3.00</b> The King Of Queens. (PG) <b>4.00</b> Becker. (PG) <b>5.00</b> Frasier. (PG) <b>6.00</b> Friends. (PG) <b>6.30</b> Neighbours. (PG) <b>7.00</b> Friends. (PG) <b>8.00</b> The Big Bang Theory. Raj asks Amy to be his wingman. (PG) <b>9.30</b> Seinfeld. Elaine suspects Puddy may be religious. (PG) <b>11.30</b> Frasier. (PG) <b>12.00</b> Home Shopping. <b>1.30</b> The King Of Queens. (PG) <b>2.30</b> A Million Little Things. (M) <b>3.30</b> Workaholics. (MA15+) <b>4.30</b> Shopping.
<b>ABC ME (CH 23)</b>	<b>SBS WORLD MOVIES (CH 32)</b>	<b>7MATE (CH 64)</b>	<b>9GEM (CH 81)</b>	<b>10 BOLD (CH 53)</b>
<b>6.00</b> Children's Programs. <b>11.45</b> Atom Bond. <b>12.00</b> Odd Squad. <b>12.20</b> How To Do Stuff Good. <b>12.40</b> Malory Towers. <b>1.05</b> Merlin. (PG) <b>1.50</b> Horrible Histories. (PG) <b>2.25</b> Dorg Van Dango. <b>3.25</b> The Penguins Of Madagascar. (PG) <b>4.00</b> Star Wars: Young Jedi Adventures. <b>4.20</b> Cloudy With A Chance Of Meatballs. <b>4.45</b> The Investigators. <b>5.00</b> Kung Fu Panda. (PG) <b>5.25</b> Miraculous. <b>5.45</b> Hotel Transylvania. <b>6.00</b> Turn Up The Volume. <b>6.30</b> Operation Ouch! <b>6.45</b> Merlin. (PG) <b>7.35</b> The Fairly OddParents. <b>8.20</b> Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (PG) <b>8.55</b> School Of Rock. (PG) <b>9.20</b> A Kind Of Spark. <b>9.45</b> Rage. (PG) <b>11.15</b> Close.	<b>6.00</b> The Man Who Knew Infinity. Continued. Dev Patel. (2015, PGa) <b>7.20</b> Breaker Morant. Edward Woodward. (1980, PGalv) <b>9.20</b> Modern Times. Charlie Chaplin. (1936, No dialogue, PG) <b>10.55</b> Beneath Hill 60. Alan Dukes. (2010, Mav) <b>1.10</b> Corpo Celeste. Yle Vianello. (2011, Italian, PGa) <b>3.00</b> A Hero. Amir Jadidi. (2021, Farsi, PGalv) <b>5.25</b> The Life And Death Of Colonel Blimp. Roger Livesey. (1943, PG) <b>8.30</b> Queen Marie. Roxana Lupu, Daniel Plier. (2019, MA15+) <b>10.30</b> Sunset. Juli Jakab. (2018, Hungarian, Mav) <b>1.10</b> The Orphanage. (2019, Dari, MA15+) <b>2.50</b> Shadow. (2018, Mandarin, MA15+) <b>5.00</b> The Life And Death Of Colonel Blimp. (1943, PG)	<b>6.00</b> Morning Programs. <b>8.30</b> NFL. NFL. Week 10. Seattle Seahawks v Washington Commanders. <b>11.30</b> Armchair Experts: NFL Edition. (PG) <b>12.30</b> Border Security. (PG) <b>1.00</b> Motorbike Cops. (PG) <b>1.30</b> Rides Down Under: Workshop Wars. (PG) <b>2.30</b> Drag Racing. NDRC Top Fuel Championship. Round 1. Spring Nationals. Highlights. <b>3.30</b> Aussie Lobster Men. (PG) <b>4.30</b> Storage Wars. (PG) <b>5.00</b> American Restoration. (PG) <b>5.30</b> American Pickers. (PG) <b>6.30</b> Pawn Stars. (PG) <b>7.30</b> Outback Opal Hunters. (PG) <b>8.30</b> Aussie Salvage Squad. (PG) <b>9.30</b> Swamp People: Serpent Invasion. (PG) <b>10.30</b> Swamp People. (M) <b>11.30</b> Late Programs.	<b>6.00</b> Danger Man. (PG) <b>7.00</b> Creflo. (PG) <b>7.30</b> Skippy. <b>8.00</b> TV Shop. <b>9.30</b> Newstyle Direct. <b>10.00</b> Danoz. <b>10.30</b> Pointless. (PG) <b>11.30</b> My Favorite Martian. <b>12.00</b> Days Of Our Lives. (M) <b>12.55</b> The Young And The Restless. (PG) <b>1.50</b> Garden Gurus Moments. <b>2.00</b> Dr Quinn. (PG) <b>3.00</b> Antiques Roadshow. <b>3.30</b> MOVIE Against The Wind. Robert Beatty. (1948, PGv) <b>5.30</b> Yorkshire Auction House. <b>6.30</b> Antiques Roadshow. <b>7.30</b> Death In Paradise. (M) <b>8.40</b> Agatha Raisin. (M) <b>10.40</b> The Madame Blanc Mysteries. (M) <b>11.40</b> Snapped. (M) <b>12.40</b> Rizzoli & Isles. (M) <b>2.40</b> The Closer. (M) <b>3.35</b> My Favorite Martian. <b>4.05</b> Antiques Roadshow. <b>4.30</b> Late Programs.	<b>6.00</b> Home Shopping. (PG) <b>8.00</b> Healthy Homes Australia. (PG) <b>8.30</b> All 4 Adventure. (PG) <b>9.30</b> Escape Fishing With ET. (PG) <b>10.30</b> JAG. (PG) <b>12.30</b> NCIS. (M) <b>1.30</b> NCIS: Los Angeles. (M) <b>2.30</b> Jake And The Fatman. (PG) <b>3.30</b> Diagnosis Murder. (PG) <b>5.30</b> JAG. (PG) <b>7.30</b> Bull. TAC represents a train engineer. (M) <b>8.30</b> NCIS. A ship is captured by pirates. (M) <b>10.20</b> Blue Bloods. (M) <b>11.15</b> Jake And The Fatman. (PG) <b>12.15</b> Home Shopping. <b>2.15</b> Diagnosis Murder. (PG) <b>4.05</b> JAG. (PG)
<b>ABC NEWS (CH 24)</b>	<b>SBS FOOD (CH 33)</b>	<b>7BRAVO (CH 65)</b>	<b>9LIFE (CH 83)</b>	<b>NITV (CH 34)</b>
<b>6.00</b> News Breakfast. <b>9.00</b> ABC News Mornings. <b>12.00</b> ABC News At Noon. <b>2.00</b> Parliament Question Time. <b>3.10</b> ABC News Afternoons. <b>4.00</b> Afternoon Briefing. <b>5.00</b> ABC News With Joe O'Brien. <b>6.00</b> ABC Evening News. <b>7.00</b> ABC National News. <b>7.30</b> <b>7.30</b> . <b>8.00</b> ABC News Tonight. <b>8.45</b> The Business. <b>9.00</b> ABC Nightly News. <b>9.30</b> Foreign Correspondent. <b>10.00</b> The World. <b>11.00</b> News. <b>11.30</b> The Drum. <b>12.30</b> News Overnight. <b>1.00</b> News. <b>1.15</b> The Business. <b>1.30</b> 7.30. <b>2.00</b> DW News. <b>2.30</b> News Overnight. <b>3.00</b> DW News. <b>3.30</b> The World. <b>4.30</b> <b>7.30</b> . <b>5.00</b> DW News. <b>5.15</b> The Business. <b>5.30</b> News Regional.	<b>6.00</b> Morning Programs. <b>7.30</b> Paradise Kitchen Bali. (PG) <b>8.00</b> Flat Out Food. (PG) <b>8.30</b> Mystery Diners. (PG) <b>9.30</b> Jason Martin's French Adventure. <b>10.30</b> Gourmet Farmer Afloat. <b>11.30</b> Nadiya's Asian Odyssey. (PG) <b>12.30</b> Food In Our Time. (PG) <b>1.30</b> The Chocolate Queen. <b>2.00</b> Barefoot Contessa. <b>2.30</b> Australia's Food Bowl. <b>3.00</b> The Italian Vegan Chef. <b>3.30</b> Choccywoccy. (PG) <b>4.00</b> Dolce India. (PG) <b>4.30</b> India. <b>5.40</b> Freshly Picked. (PG) <b>6.05</b> Food Safari. <b>6.30</b> Lidia's Kitchen. (PG) <b>7.00</b> The Cook Up. (PG) <b>7.30</b> Luke Nguyen's India. <b>8.30</b> Stanley Tucci: Searching For Italy. (PG) <b>9.30</b> Dine With Me UK. (PG) <b>10.30</b> The Cook Up. <b>11.00</b> Late Programs.	<b>6.00</b> Shark Tank. (PG) <b>7.00</b> Undercover Boss. (PG) <b>8.00</b> Million Dollar Listing NY. (PG) <b>9.00</b> Top Chef. (PG) <b>10.00</b> Shark Tank. (PG) <b>11.00</b> Undercover Boss. (PG) <b>12.00</b> Snapped. (M) <b>1.00</b> Housewives Of Beverly Hills. (M) <b>2.00</b> Shark Tank. (PG) <b>3.00</b> Judge Jerry. (PG) <b>3.30</b> Jimmy Fallon. (PG) <b>4.30</b> Million Dollar Listing NY. (PG) <b>5.30</b> Undercover Boss. (PG) <b>6.30</b> Shark Tank. (PG) <b>7.30</b> Botched. (M) <b>8.30</b> Violent Minds: Killers On Tapes. (MA15+) <b>9.30</b> Exhumed: Killer Revealed. (MA15+) <b>10.30</b> Snapped. (M) <b>11.30</b> The Real Housewives Of Orange County. (M) <b>12.30</b> Botched. (M) <b>1.30</b> Violent Minds: Killers On Tapes. (MA15+) <b>2.30</b> Late Programs.	<b>6.00</b> Bargain Mansions. <b>7.00</b> Flipping 101 With Tarek El Moussa. <b>8.00</b> Christina On The Coast. (PG) <b>9.00</b> Fix My Flip. (PG) <b>10.00</b> House Hunters. <b>11.00</b> Postcards. (PG) <b>11.30</b> Getaway. (PG) <b>12.00</b> Bargain Mansions. <b>1.00</b> Flipping 101 With Tarek El Moussa. <b>2.00</b> Fix My Flip. (PG) <b>3.00</b> The Block. (PG) <b>4.00</b> Hot Properties: San Diego. <b>4.30</b> Crashers. (PG) <b>5.00</b> Christina On The Coast. (PG) <b>6.00</b> House Hunters International. <b>7.00</b> House Hunters. <b>8.30</b> Christina On The Coast. (PG) <b>9.30</b> Beachfront Bargain Hunt: Renovation. <b>10.30</b> Hawaii Life. <b>11.30</b> House Hunters. <b>12.30</b> The Real Housewives Of Dallas. (M) <b>1.30</b> House Hunters Int. <b>2.00</b> Below Deck. (MA15+) <b>3.00</b> Late Programs.	<b>6.00</b> Morning Programs. <b>9.30</b> Toi Time. <b>10.00</b> Natural Born Rebels. (PG) <b>11.10</b> Going Places. (PG) <b>12.00</b> Audrey Napanangka. <b>1.30</b> Untold History Of The Pacific. <b>2.00</b> Songlines On Screen. (PG) <b>2.30</b> The Cook Up. <b>3.00</b> Motown Magic. <b>3.25</b> Aussie Bush Tales. <b>3.40</b> Fresh Fairytales. <b>4.00</b> Crazy Smart Science. <b>4.30</b> Spartakus And The Sun Beneath The Sea. (PG) <b>5.00</b> Our Stories. (PG) <b>5.30</b> APTN National News. <b>6.00</b> Bamay. <b>6.30</b> News. <b>6.40</b> Kenya Wildlife Diaries. (PG) <b>7.35</b> Who The Bloody Hell Are We? (PG) <b>8.35</b> Singing Country. <b>9.05</b> Who We Are: Brave New Clan. <b>10.00</b> MOVIE The Pursuit Of Happiness. (2006) <b>12.05</b> Late Programs.
<b>7FLIX (CH 66)</b>	<b>6.00</b> It's Academic. <b>7.00</b> Oh Yuck. <b>8.00</b> Flushed. <b>9.00</b> Home Shopping. <b>10.30</b> Zumbo's Just Desserts. (PG) <b>11.30</b> Travel And Eat With Dan & Steph. (PG) <b>12.00</b> Smash. (M) <b>1.00</b> Chicago Fire. (M) <b>3.00</b> Jabba's Movies. (PG) <b>3.30</b> Black-ish. (PG) <b>4.00</b> The Goldbergs. (PG) <b>4.30</b> Modern Family. (PG) <b>5.30</b> Bondi Vet. (PG) <b>6.30</b> Puppy School. (PG) <b>7.30</b> Law & Order: Criminal Intent. (M)			
	<b>8.30</b> Law & Order: SVU. (MA15+) <b>9.30</b> Law & Order. (M) <b>11.30</b> The Blacklist. (MA15+) <b>1.30</b> Hell's Kitchen USA. (M) <b>3.00</b> Absentia. (MA15+) <b>4.00</b> S.W.A.T. (M)			

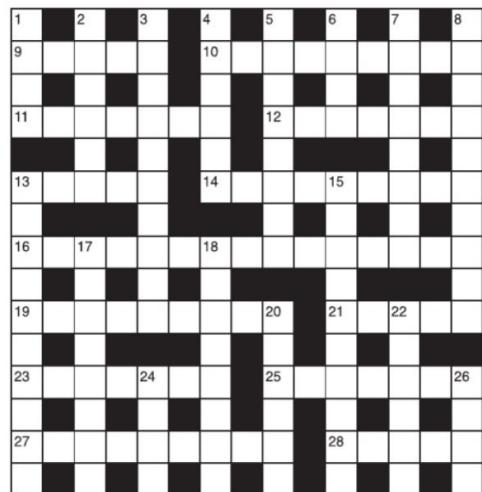
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## ACROSS

9 Foreign article describing invention (5)  
 10 Girl captured by race, one associated with a fictional land (9)  
 11 Old lady facing powerful dog (7)  
 12 Following a nasty bad dream (7)  
 13 Mean fellow hiding last of wine (5)  
 14 Further down, duck may be freezing (5,4)  
 15 Act in various roles in sport, having a number of caps? (4,7,4)  
 19 Finished among a group left behind (9)  
 21 Bar in Berlin – go there (5)  
 23 Pebbles one's found around hotel (7)  
 25 French police chief with judge in centre of appeal court (7)  
 27 Come across knight tucking into energy bar (9)  
 28 Still short, runner's odds maybe (5)

## DOWN

1 Sheep station, say, a long way? Miles (4)  
 2 Concern after conclusion of government paper (6)  
 3 Unwilling, being poorly (10)

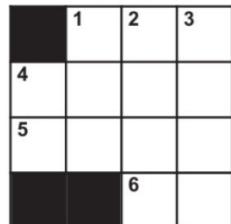


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4 Page about super house, small in size (6)  
 5 Police psychologist, perhaps in favour of liver receiving treatment (8)  
 6 Amaze as trick detailed (4)  
 7 American manoeuvring kept secret (2,6)  
 8 Be careful of loose female rabbit ahead of rest (4,4,2)  
 13 Frighten head of section during discussion in plant (3-7)

15 Thoroughly at home, always? Blimey! (4,1,5)  
 17 A gimme? Check if absolutely necessary (2,1,5)  
 18 Sell Tate off causing family feud (8)  
 20 Set off in race holding record (6)  
 22 Man's water heater, from what we hear (6)  
 24 Disease picked up round middle of January (4)  
 26 International try (4)

## TINY CROSS 1114



## ACROSS

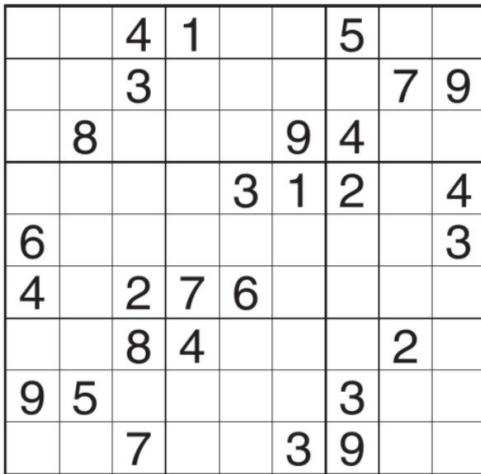
1 Twitch (3)  
 4 London gallery (4)  
 5 Copied (4)  
 6 Myself (2)

## DOWN

1 Access (3)  
 2 Thing (4)  
 3 Yield (4)  
 4 Thank you (abbr) (2)

## SUDOKU 121

You are given a 9x9 grid which has been divided up into nine 3x3 boxes. The aim of the game is very simple: to fill each row, column and 3x3 box with the numbers from 1 to 9 inclusive. Level of difficulty: Medium



## 9-LETTER 031



Using the nine letters in the grid, how many words of four letters or more can you list? The centre letter must be included and each letter may only be used once. No colloquial or foreign words. No capitalised nouns, apostrophes or plural/verb forms ending in "s".

TODAY'S TARGET:  
 GOOD: 13 VERY GOOD: 16 EXCELLENT: 23+

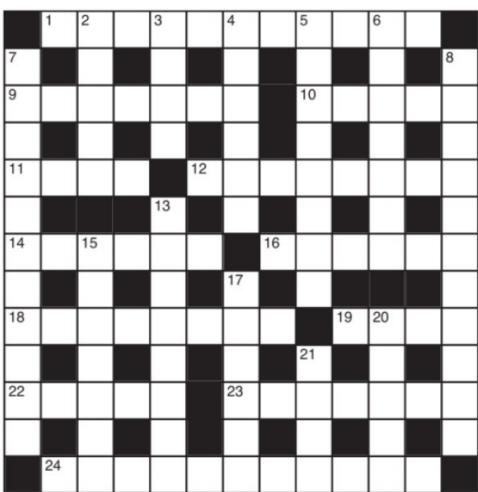


Reference: Macquarie Dictionary.

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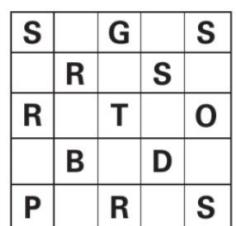
## ACROSS

1 Look at and study the working pattern (11)  
 9 A strange odd pet taken in by the family (7)  
 10 It conveys a sense of courage (5)  
 11 It takes little space in the newspaper (4)  
 12 Crimes one flies from perhaps (8)  
 14 Mother's returned a kitchen utensil – it's junk (6)  
 16 Fear of finishing last by mistake (6)  
 18 Unusually apt due to being right in fashion (2-2-4)  
 19 Form of transport levy that's imposed on one (4)  
 22 Set method of communication (5)  
 23 Settle a row on a river (7)  
 24 A tailor may make his mark with it (6,5)



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5X5 Insert the missing letters to make 10 words – five reading across the grid and five reading down.



13 A worker has fallen but pass on (4,4)

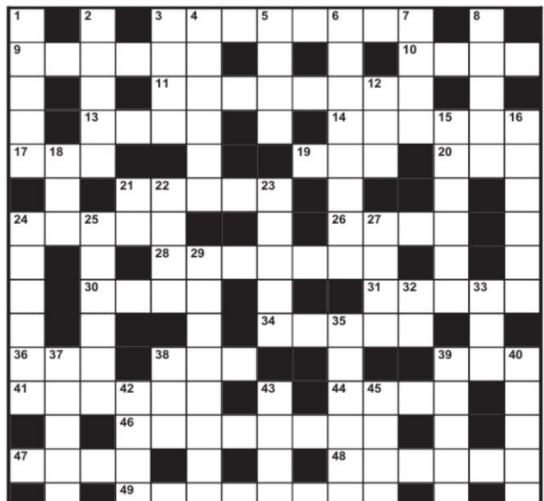
15 He produces his pass when he's being charged (7)

17 New act with hat and stick (6)

20 Abolish article from a yearbook (5)

21 Chief means of support (4)

## QUICK CROSSWORD 289



## ACROSS

3 Eccentric person  
 9 Dessert  
 10 Expel  
 11 Scammer  
 13 Information  
 14 Barriers  
 17 Female sheep  
 19 Sticky substance  
 20 Wise bird  
 21 Provide  
 24 Body  
 26 Seeing organs  
 28 Improve  
 30 Edible fish

31 Teacher  
 34 Flower  
 36 Possess  
 38 Small horse  
 39 Atmosphere  
 41 Motivation  
 44 One  
 46 Brass instrument  
 48 Gaudy  
 49 Jewellery

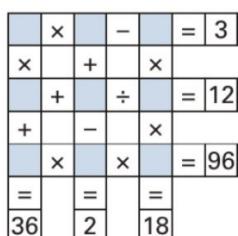
4 Prize  
 5 Staff  
 6 Stolen  
 7 Ripped  
 8 Crooked  
 12 Snake-like fish  
 15 Girdle  
 16 Not as fast  
 18 Which person?  
 21 Einsteinium (abbr)  
 22 Naming word  
 23 Lowest quality  
 24 Seamstress

25 Eye part  
 27 Big Foot  
 29 Persecution complex  
 32 Not down  
 33 Acorn tree  
 35 Sitting room  
 37 Undesirable plants  
 38 Neither  
 39 Blemish  
 40 Luxury boat  
 42 Skewer  
 43 Musical instrument  
 45 Tidy

## CROSSMATHS 121

Insert each number from 1 to 9 in the shaded squares to solve all the horizontal and vertical equations.

Multiplication and division are performed before addition and subtraction.



## WEATHER

## WOLLONGONG

TODAY

20°C



Partly cloudy.

TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
16/25°C	18/23°C	17/20°C	15/20°C	15/25°C	17/24°C

16/25°C 18/23°C 17/20°C 15/20°C 15/25°C 17/24°C

## BATEMANS BAY

TODAY

22°C



Partly cloudy.

TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
9/23°C	11/23°C	11/21°C	9/22°C	9/25°C	12/25°C

9/23°C 11/23°C 11/21°C 9/22°C 9/25°C 12/25°C

## CANBERRA

TODAY

27°C



Partly cloudy.

TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
7/27°C	11/25°C	10/25°C	6/24°C	7/28°C	11/29°C

7/27°C 11/25°C 10/25°C 6/24°C 7/28°C 11/29°C

## REGIONAL OUTLOOK

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## CANBERRA

Partly cloudy. Light winds becoming north-easterly 15 to 20 km/h in the evening then light in the late evening.

## ILLAWARRA

Partly cloudy. Winds south to southeasterly 15 to 25 km/h tending east to southeasterly 15 to 20 km/h in the morning then light in the evening.

## SOUTH COAST

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## ILLAWARRA COASTAL WATERS

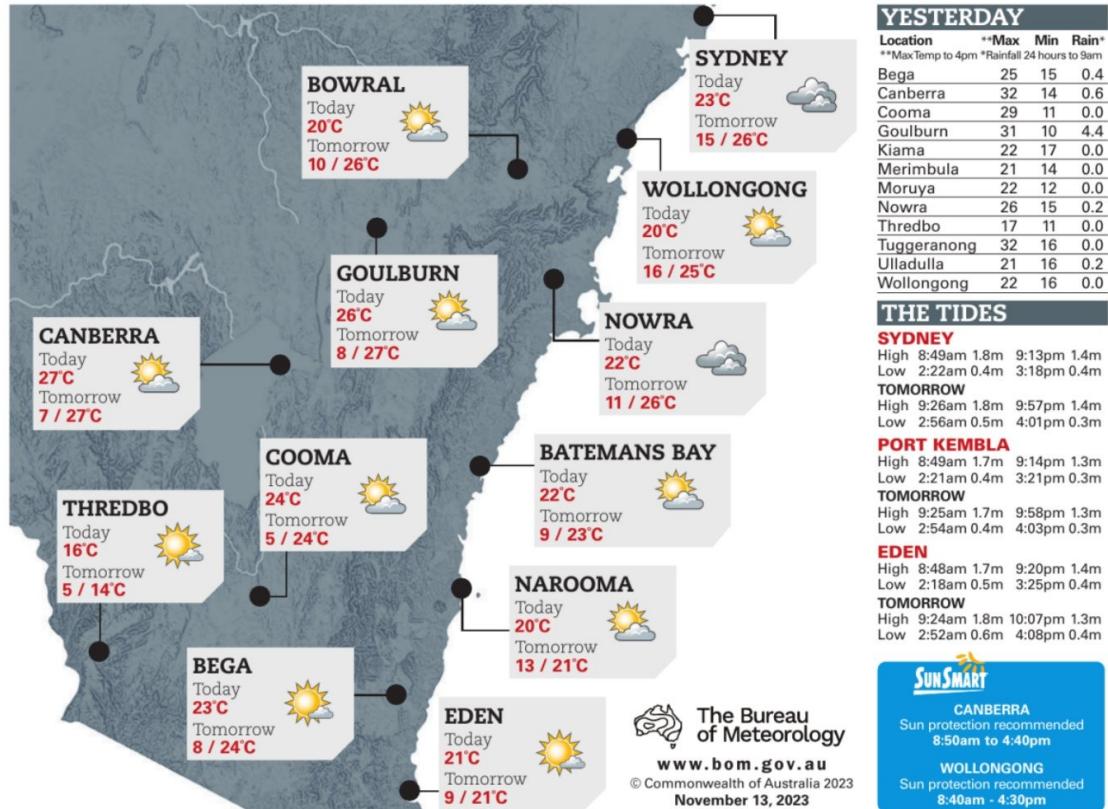
Port Hacking to Ulladulla

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Ulladulla to Montague Island

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## YESTERDAY

Location **\*\*Max** **Min** **Rain\***  
\*\*Max Temp to 4pm \*Rainfall 24 hours to 9am

Bega	25	15	0.4
Canberra	32	14	0.6
Cooma	29	11	0.0
Goulburn	31	10	4.4
Kiama	22	17	0.0
Merimbula	21	14	0.0
Moruya	22	12	0.0
Nowra	26	15	0.2
Thredbo	17	11	0.0
Tuggeranong	32	16	0.0
Ulladulla	21	16	0.2
Wollongong	22	16	0.0

## THE TIDES

**SYDNEY**  
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Low 2:22am 0.4m 3:18pm 0.4m

**TOMORROW**  
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Low 2:56am 0.5m 4:01pm 0.3m

**PORT KEMBRA**  
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Low 2:21am 0.4m 3:21pm 0.3m

**TOMORROW**  
High 9:25am 1.7m 9:58pm 1.3m  
Low 2:54am 0.4m 4:03pm 0.3m

**EDEN**  
High 8:48am 1.7m 9:20pm 1.4m  
Low 2:18am 0.5m 3:25pm 0.4m

**TOMORROW**  
High 9:24am 1.8m 10:07pm 1.3m  
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**CANBERRA**  
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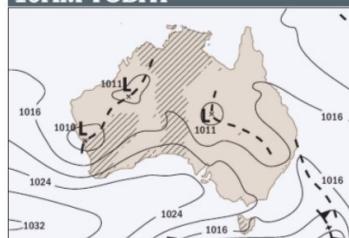
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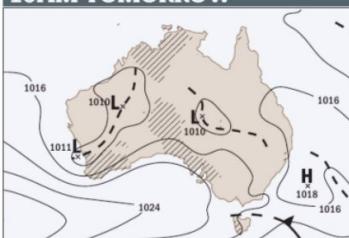
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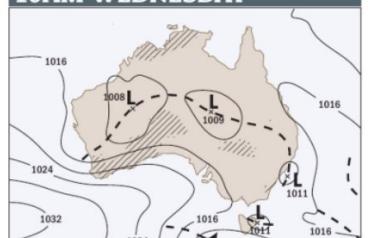
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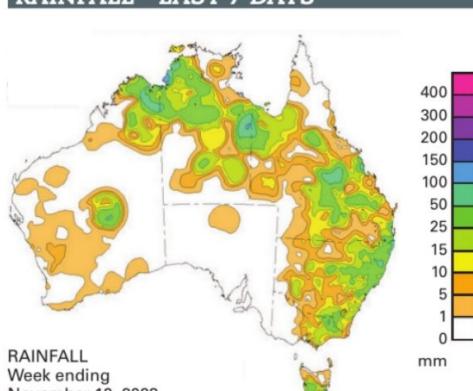
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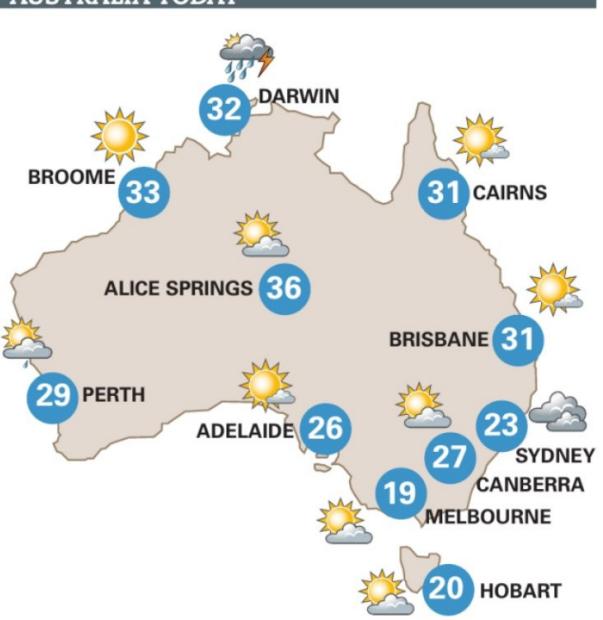
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Location	Weather	High	Low
Amsterdam	rain	10	2
Athens	showers	25	13
Auckland	fine	20	11
Bangkok	storms	34	23
Barcelona	sunny	24	15
Beijing	cloudy	9	-2
Christchurch	fine	24	10
Frankfurt	rain	13	5
Helsinki	rain	7	5
Hong Kong	cool	24	19
Johannesburg	showers	31	13
Kuala Lumpur	storms	33	25
London	showers	15	9
Los Angeles	sunny	26	12
Moscow	fine	7	4
Noumea	fine	27	19
Paris	rain	17	11
Port Vila	showers	29	22
Rio De Janeiro	cloudy	39	25
Rome	mist	21	11
Seoul	fine	7	-3
Singapore	storms	34	24
Suva	storms	28	24
Tel Aviv	fine	28	21
Tokyo	cloudy	15	9
Vancouver	sunny	10	8
Washington	sunny	14	1
Wellington	windy	17	13

## RAINFALL - LAST 7 DAYS



## AUSTRALIA TODAY



## SUN &amp; MOON

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## YOUR MONEY

# Using super catch-up to reduce or negate capital gains tax



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CAPITAL gains tax (CGT) is one of our most common taxes, but many people have no idea of its mechanics. A recent email is typical: "You answered a question from a reader about capital gains tax and suggested they tried to sell the assets over a three-year period to reduce the tax. How does that work?"

CGT is calculated by adding the capital gain to your taxable income in the financial year the sales contract is signed. If you've held the asset for more than 12 months, you may be allowed a 50 per cent discount on the gain before you add it to the rest of your income. We have a progressive tax system, which means the rate of tax increases in steps. If you earn between \$45,000 a year and \$120,000 a year, your marginal tax rate is 32.5 per cent. However, once your taxable income exceeds \$120,000 a year the marginal rate jumps to 37 per cent and it increases to 45 per cent at an income of \$180,000. As a capital gain increases your taxable income, you can see that it pays to keep your overall income for the applicable financial year within the lower tax brackets, if possible.

The idea of selling over three years, mentioned above, applies only to selling shares. It doesn't work with property because you

can't sell the back bedroom. But if you have a share portfolio, you could choose to sell enough shares each year to bring in some extra income while keeping yourself within the lower tax brackets.

Another big issue here is that the tax cuts coming into effect on July 1, 2024, will change the tax brackets. From the 2025 financial year, the \$45,000-\$200,000 tax band rate will be a flat 30 per cent, and any income over \$200,000 will be taxed at 45 per cent. If you could defer the capital gain until next financial year, you might pay less CGT.

Another way to reduce CGT is to defer selling the asset until you are in a lower income bracket. A classic example is the person who is now retired with their only income being a superannuation pension, which is tax-free.

Then there is the much-used tactic of making tax-deductible contributions to superannuation. A less well known refinement to that strategy, which can be great for retirees under 67, is to use catch-up contributions. Provided your superannuation balance was under \$500,000 at 30 June 2023, in the 2024 tax year you may be able to make tax-deductible catch-up contributions right back to 2018. If you did that in the year you made a capital gain, this could give rise to a personal tax deduction of \$100,000 and wipe out some CGT.

CASE STUDY Jack and Jill are both aged 65 and have been retired for five years. Jack's



Superannuation catch-up contributions can help alleviate capital gains tax. Photo Shutterstock

superannuation is \$450,000 and Jill's is minimal. They expect to sell a jointly owned investment property in the latter half of 2024 that will trigger a taxable capital gain of \$400,000, and they will only have to pay tax on \$200,000 of that after the 50 per cent discount. Because it is jointly owned, the gain will be split again, giving them \$100,000 each. Because neither has made any concessional contributions since they retired, they have the right to "catch up" for those five years with contributions of up to \$132,500 in the 2025 financial year, provided their super balances are less than \$500,000 at 30 June 2024. They both make a deductible contribution of \$100,000, and the CGT is eliminated.

But even if catch up contributions are not an option it's still possible to make tax deductible superannuation contributions up to \$27,500 a year, including the employer contribution if any to reduce CGT. The bottom line is that a CGT event can cost you money - the better you plan for it the less money you might be required to pay.

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■ This advice is general in nature and readers should seek their own professional advice before making any financial decisions.

## Question

I have a two year old and have set up a children's bank account with bonus interest. I have close to \$10,000. Is this the best option? What tax effective investment options are available for children?

## Answer

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## Question

I am a full-time carer for my wife and have reached age pension age. Is there any financial benefit for me if I take the age pension and can I receive both the age pension and the carer's pension?

## Answer

Regan Welburn of My Pension Manager says the carer payment and the age pension are assessed under the same tests and the payment rates are the same. You can't have both so you will need to decide which one is the most appropriate. The age pension is easier to claim as you only need to be pension age (along with meeting the residency and means testing requirements).

The carer payment is more restrictive when it comes to overseas travel and time

away from the person you are caring for. However, the carer payment comes with an additional supplement of \$600 a year, paid in the first fortnight of July each year.

What most people don't realise is that there's an additional payment called the carer allowance. This can be paid in addition to your age pension (or carer payment) and is a flat \$144.80 a fortnight. Those in receipt of the carer allowance will also receive the \$600 a year carer supplement.

Generally, the "sweet spot" for most Australians is claiming the age pension and the carer allowance. That strikes the balance between having the flexibility of the age pension but receiving an additional \$4364.80 a year from the carer allowance and supplement.

# Looking into the future of AI and its pluses and pitfalls



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## TECH TALK

WE ARE witnessing the birth of tailor-made AI applications, much like the innovations OpenAI is currently spearheading, to the inventive yet advanced propositions from Elon Musk's xAI.

The strides made by OpenAI to facilitate the creation of purpose-built AI applications and the launch of GPT-4 Turbo are testament

to a movement towards more personalised, potent AI tools - an effort to revolutionise AI much like how the iPhone transformed mobile communication. These customisable AI applications, or GPTs as OpenAI calls them, are poised to be omnipresent, offering tailor-made solutions for both industry and personal use. Picture a farmer utilising a GPT fine-tuned with local agricultural data, enhancing crop production specifically for a unique environment.

We're also likely to see AI

app stores emerge, echoing the impact that app marketplaces had on smartphone usage. Within half a decade, it's feasible that AI applications will be as widespread and varied as today's mobile applications, spanning sectors such as education, healthcare, entertainment, and many others.

Elon Musk's Grok, with its real-time data capability via X (formerly known as Twitter), mixes sarcasm with practicality, potentially setting a precedent for AI personalities that are not just

supportive but also engaging app stores emerge, echoing the impact that app marketplaces had on smartphone usage. Within half a decade, it's feasible that AI applications will be as widespread and varied as today's mobile applications, spanning sectors such as education, healthcare, entertainment, and many others.

In educational settings, tools such as ChatGPT are being woven into teaching methodologies. Educators are guiding students to employ AI both ethically and profitably, potentially positioning AI literacy as a core skill. As AI's capabilities flourish, ethical considera-

tions will become increasingly crucial.

The playful yet prudent nature of Musk's Grok and OpenAI's commitment to copyright adherence suggest a future where the might of AI is counterbalanced by legal and moral frameworks. It's vital that AI's role respects societal norms and legal boundaries.

AI may well become an intrinsic part of the fabric of daily life. Custom GPTs might regulate our homes, tailor our learning experiences, navigate our vehicles and

even undertake research on our behalf. The integration of diverse AI services points to a future where complex tasks are managed not by a collective of specialised AIs.

As AI becomes more ingrained in our everyday existence, it's crucial to maintain awareness of its limitations.

Looking five years ahead, the distinction between a tool and a partner in AI may become indistinct, where AI is as individual as a fingerprint and as universal as the internet.

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# Tough Gather Round games for Dees, Dons

## AFL

MELBOURNE and Essendon have been handed the unenviable tasks of tackling home sides Adelaide and Port Adelaide during the AFL's second edition of 'Gather Round'.

South Australia will again play host to all 18 clubs in a four-day 'festival of footy' lined up for round four next year.

A Crows-Demons blockbuster will open the round on a Thursday night at Adelaide Oval (April 4), with the Power to host the Bombers

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**AFL chief executive Andrew Dillon**

at the same venue the following night. Both matches will be expected to attract huge crowds as the features of a bumper schedule.

Adelaide Oval will also be the setting for a double-header on the Saturday, with Carlton taking on Fremantle in the afternoon and

Geelong clashing with the Western Bulldogs that night.

And it will host a fifth match in the space of four days when premiers Collingwood tackle Hawthorn on the Sunday. That match will see premiership Pie Jack Ginnivan take on his former teammates for the first time since joining the Hawks.

Mount Barker will host two weekend matches during next year's Gather Round - Sydney v West Coast and Gold Coast v GWS - after a successful AFL debut for the

picturesque Adelaide Hills venue in 2023.

Adelaide's inner suburban Norwood Oval will again host two matches; a Brisbane Lions v North Melbourne twilight clash on the Friday and a Richmond v St Kilda battle on the Sunday.

"Gather Round 2023 created a small slice of football history - all 18 clubs in the one state at the one time for a full round of nine matches and a celebration of footy," AFL chief executive Andrew Dillon said.

"South Australia really turned it on, and we are excited to bring fans a bigger and better experience in 2024."

"Last year's Gather Round had the wonderful feel of a grand final week, from the footy festival and the zip line over the Torrens River, to the community engagement activities and all the open training sessions the clubs held around the town, it was just an incredibly fun atmosphere which we are looking to top next season."



North Melbourne's Isabella Eddey and Kate Shierlaw celebrate Sunday's win over Melbourne. Picture AAP

## Roos belt Demons in big finals upset

## AFLW

NORTH Melbourne are celebrating the greatest win in their AFLW history after they scored a stunning upset 41-point qualifying final win over reigning premiers Melbourne.

The Kangaroos were outstanding from the outset on Sunday at Ikon Park, keeping the free-scoring Demons goalless for three quarters and winning 7.8 (50) to 1.3 (9).

Most significantly, this is North's first win against another top-four side this season in a win that upends the narrative around the finals series.

As North enjoy the week off ahead of a preliminary final, Melbourne will host Geelong on Sunday afternoon in a semi-final, again at Ikon Park.

Adelaide will host Sydney on Saturday night in the other semi at Norwood Oval.

Key forward Tahlia Randall kicked three goals for North, which racked up 10 tackles to 79, as Ash Riddell and Jasmine Garner again starred in the midfield.

The first quarter was a belter, played at grand final intensity, as North made an immediate statement with relentless pressure. Randall kicked the only goal of the term, out-muscling Lauren Pearce in a ruck duel and then snapping accurately.

While the Kangaroos sprayed several chances, they also withstood a succession of Melbourne attacks late in the term.

Randall took a strong mark and kicked the only goal of the second quarter as well, with North taking a 15-point lead into the main break.

The Demons were well in the contest, given the low scoring, but the league's highest-scoring team this season only managed one behind for the half.

Great work from Kate Shierlaw set up two running goals to Bella Eddy in the third term, while Randall outworked her opponent in a ruck contest to snap her third. The Roos led by 34 points at the last change, and Melbourne did not kick their first goal until 10 minutes into the last quarter.

## More finals futility for Bombers as Cats cruise to victory

## AFLW

GEELONG have easily beaten Essendon by 18 points for their first AFLW finals win, giving the Bombers women a bitter taste of the club's notorious AFL finals futility.

The Cats kicked the first three goals in the opening seven minutes to kill off Sunday's home elimination final and won in a canter, 7.9 (51) to 5.3 (33).

But after setting up Geelong's first goal and kicking their third, the Cats' leading goalkicker Chloe Scheer was forced out of the game

in the opening term with a shoulder injury. Cats coach Dan Lowther was pessimistic about Scheer's availability for the semi-final against Melbourne. "It doesn't look great for her ... she's highly doubtful," he said.

Much to the delight of rival clubs, earlier this month Essendon's AFL team reached the dismal milestone of 7000 days without an AFL finals win, dating back to 2004.

In their second season, the Bombers women likewise have endured a rugged finals debut.

Essendon kept Geelong scoreless and kicked three goals in the last quarter to avert a heavy loss, but the damage was done.

Lowther said the Cats had to manage their players, given Scheer's absence, and it told in the last quarter.

"Our wheels fell off in the last quarter, it was a bit chaotic, but the first half was enough," he said.

The tone was set in the opening minute when gun Cats midfielder Georgie Prespakis won the ball out of the middle and found Scheer

with a pass. In turn, Scheer's perfect kick found Aishling Moloney, who scored the first of her two goals.

Prespakis, Amy McDonald, Rebecca Webster and Nina Morrison were outstanding for Geelong, while Georgia Nancarrow was a lonely shining light on another dirty finals day for Essendon.

Maddy Prespakis, Georgie's older sister, kicked two goals for the Bombers, but coach Natalie Wood said Essendon "just didn't have the answers" to stop Geelong.



Geelong's Aishling Moloney celebrates one of her two goals against Essendon on Sunday. Picture AAP

## Kane makes it 17 goals from 11 games

Harry Kane (pictured) has scored 17 Bundesliga goals from just 11 matches as Bayern Munich survived a scare to beat Heidenheim 4-2 and move top of the Bundesliga again. The England striker's double means he has now scored one more than the joint top scorers did in last season's entire Bundesliga campaign as his record-breaking start to life in Germany continues. "I'm really enjoying it, the team around me are creating chances," Kane said.



## Surprise packets Girona stay top in Spain

Michel Sanchez has soaked up the applause after his Girona team, the surprise leaders of the Spanish league, won again. This time, however, the cheers came from opposing Rayo Vallecano fans following Girona's 2-1 comeback win. Girona stayed two points ahead of Real Madrid, who routed Valencia 5-1. Michel played most of his career as a midfielder for Rayo, and the club's faithful greeted him with signs bearing his name and chants of "Michel! Michel!"

# Spurs stunned by late Wolves goals

### PREMIER LEAGUE

WOLVES' stunning late show has rocked Tottenham and denied Ange Postecoglou's side the chance to return to the top of the Premier League.

Instead, following Spurs' 2-1 defeat at Molineux courtesy of two stoppage-time goals, Arsenal have moved level on points with Premier League leaders Manchester City after a 3-1 home win over Burnley.

Like Spurs, Newcastle were also left shocked after losing 2-0 at struggling Bournemouth.

In the early kick-off, Pablo Sarabia and Mario Lemina both scored in stoppage time as Wolves snatched a thrilling - but deserved - victory over Postecoglou's side, just 24 hours after he'd picked up as third straight manager of the month award.

Brennan Johnson's early strike - his first Spurs goal - had given the visitors the lead and they looked on course for a smash-and-grab win at Molineux.

Tottenham rode their luck as Wolves constantly let them off the hook until Sarabia - with a quite dazzling 91st-minute equaliser featuring instant control and a brilliant volley - and Lemina, in the 97th minute, sparked the sensational finish.

Spurs were heading two points clear at the top of the table but have now suffered successive defeats, in what has proved the toughest week yet for their Australian

boss, who had to deal with suspensions and injuries to assemble a patchwork squad.

Ukrainian Oleksandr Zinchenko was Arsenal's hero, scoring a fine goal as the 10-man Gunners secured a comfortable win, but had to respond to an early setback in the second half.

Leandro Trossard put Arsenal ahead in first-half stoppage time when he turned home Bukayo Saka's header from close range, but crashed into the frame of the goal in the process.

Vincent Kompany's struggling Burnley levelled after the break when Josh Brownhill's deflected shot survived a VAR check, but a header from William Saliba three minutes later restored Arsenal's lead and Zinchenko's acrobatic finish from another corner sealed the points, despite a late red card for Fabio Vieira.

Manchester United rallied following their midweek Champions League defeat in Copenhagen with another battling victory after Victor Lindelof struck the only goal against Luton.

The pressure was on Erik ten Hag's side and after pre-match fan protests against United owners the Glazer family, the visiting Hatters made life difficult for the Red Devils before Lindelof lashed home from close range after a cross by Marcus Rashford.

Everton continued their push up the table under Sean Dyche as they edged a thriller 3-2 at Crystal Palace.



Arsenal's William Saliba jumps for joy after scoring against Burnley. Picture AP

## Veart stays quiet on Bayern move

### A-LEAGUE MEN

ADELAIDE United coach Carl Veart has refused to enter into any conversation around 17-year-old sensation Nestory Irankunda and his much-anticipated move to Bundesliga giants Bayern Munich.

Following a 5-1 thumping at the hands of Sydney FC on Saturday night, Veart promptly shut down any questions regarding the attacker after the strongest indication yet about the move surfaced online.

Following months of rumours and speculation, multiple outlets were reporting the deal was all but done, amid talk of a verbal agreement between the two clubs for £3 million (\$5.8 million) plus add-ons.

"Look, I'm not here to answer any questions about Nestor. I'll talk about the game and that's it," Veart said.

When pressed further whether an agreement had been reached and the transfer was officially done, Veart again refused to confirm or deny.

"We'll find out in time," he said, adding: "What happens with Nestor will happen and it will come out in time."

Irankunda was unavailable for the Reds' clash against Sydney after collecting two yellow cards in United's previous outing, a 1-1 draw against Melbourne Victory.

# City fightback from 3-1 down to secure dramatic draw

### A-LEAGUE MEN

MELBOURNE City have fought back from 3-1 down to scrap out a 3-3 draw with Macarthur FC and stop their A-League Men campaign from crashing further into the doldrums.

City dominated much of the match but failed to take their early chances and ultimately had to dig themselves out of a near-disaster.

Last season's wooden spooners Macarthur blew their chance to go top of the league.

With Socceroos coach

Graham Arnold watching from the stands, recalled striker Jamie Maclareen opened the scoring for City in the 58th minute.

But Ulises Davila equalised with a lovely chip in the 61st minute before Jake Holliman gave the Bulls the lead in the 83rd minute and Matt Millar added another five minutes later for 3-1.

Maclareen pulled back a goal in the 90th minute to make for a nervous finish and Terry Antonis converted a 93rd-minute penalty to salvage a point.

City's tepid start to the season (1-1-2) - which cost coach Rado Vidovic his job after two games - is still their worst since 2015-16, the last time they failed to win at least two of their first four matches.

They also had concerns on the injury front, with Tolgay Arslan forced out of the game in the 27th minute after failing to push through his persistent foot injury.

City entered half-time with 11 shots (two on target) to Macarthur's one, but with nothing to show for it.

Goals started to come thick and fast soon after City finally broke through via Maclareen, with Davila equalising almost immediately for Macarthur.

After the Bulls went ahead 3-1 thanks to goals from Holliman and Millar, City got back in the game when Maclareen met a Samuel Soupprayen header and bundled home.

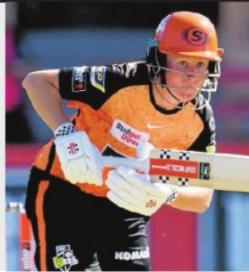
But when Aspropotamitis needlessly brought down Alessandro Loparino, Maclareen didn't attempt to seal a hat-trick, with Antonis stepping up instead.



Macarthur FC's Ulises Davila celebrates after scoring against Melbourne City on Sunday. Picture AAP

**SPORT CRICKET****More Mooney magic sends Perth top**

**WBBL:** The Perth Scorchers have usurped the Sydney Thunder atop the WBBL ladder after Beth Mooney's third WBBL century powered her side to a 42-run win. After losing her superstar opening partner Sophie Devine (4) early, Mooney (10no) almost single-handedly steered the Scorchers to a competitive 4-159 at the Junction Oval on Sunday. In reply, the resurgent Thunder fell to 3-18 by the end of the powerplay, having not dropped any wickets there in their previous seven games.

**Nicholls cleared of ball tampering**

**New Zealand:** Test batter Henry Nicholls has been cleared of ball tampering charges by a New Zealand Cricket code of conduct hearing. Nicholls was reported by umpires after a domestic first-class match last week between his Canterbury province and Auckland. Live stream coverage of the match appeared to show Nicholls, while fielding, brushing the ball on a helmet during the change of ends on the third day of the match on Wednesday. The charge was referred to a first class commissioner.

# Marsh returns smiles with ton for late grandpa

**WORLD CUP**

Ian Chadband

MITCH Marsh has ended an emotional fortnight with a World Cup tour de force which he hopes has put a smile on the face of his family back home.

The allrounder crashed the third biggest score by an Australian in the annals of the men's World Cup - 177 not out - in the hammering of Bangladesh in Pune and hoped the wonderful knock was a fitting way to celebrate the life of his late grandfather.

The West Australian, such a popular figure with his teammates, had had to rush home from India to be with family in the final days before grandfather Ross passed away.

But he promised to return swiftly to help them win the World Cup and was in inspired mood as he smashed nine sixes and 17 fours in his second century of the tournament on Saturday.

"I'm sure my nana, mum and all the family will be watching at home, so hopefully it's put a smile on their faces. My pop was a great man and a huge cricket supporter and they celebrated his life yesterday," said Marsh, after picking up the player of the match award.

"Obviously, it's been a challenging week for the family. It was nice to be able to perform for them and nice to get the win."

After he had flown home from India, the 32-year-old had been left touched back in Perth by the show of support from his teammates as he saw them on TV during the England match in Ahmedabad wearing black armbands to mark Ross's passing.

Now he's back and wholly fired up for the challenge that lies ahead with a semi-final against South Africa in Kolkata next Thursday as the race to the World Cup boils down

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Mitch Marsh

to the final four. India and New Zealand will meet in the other semi-final.

"To go back into the World Cup is pretty cool. Can't wait for the semi-final, it's going to be a ripper," he said, reckoning the four best teams had reached the semis, India facing New Zealand in the other contest. "We're bloody pumped to get to Kolkatta."

Marsh sounded almost embarrassed about ending up with the player of the match award after earlier conceding 48 off his four overs as Bangladesh set Australia a stiff target of 307.

"I started at negative 50 after my bowling, so I had to get a few back," he shrugged.

"But any time you score 100 for Australia, it's always a great feeling, and now we're obviously really excited about what lies ahead for us."

Just like the rested Glenn Maxwell's double-hundred on one leg against Afghanistan, it had been trying work in the heat for Marsh.

"It's always a great honour to score 100, but I was pretty cooked to be honest," he admitted. "I was just starting to cramp at that stage, so I was trying to keep my heart rate low and not exert too much energy. This one meant just as much as any other 100 that I've ever made."



Tuggeranong's Akshay Joseph goes on the attack. Picture by Elesa Kurtz

## Hectic week caps off 'exciting time'

**CRICKET A.C.T.**

Caden Helmers

SCOTT Murn might get to the ground five, maybe 10 minutes before the first ball.

"Hopefully the captains and the umpires are a bit lenient because I wouldn't mind grabbing a quick bite to eat before we get on the field," the Western Districts skipper grinned.

Because Murn has just peeled off an unbroken 50 on the other side of town, and had to race from Chisholm to Jamison for game two of a double-header in Cricket ACT's Twenty20 Bash.

Wests fell by 33 runs in game one, posting 6-148 in reply to Tuggeranong's 5-181, before Murn's 30 helped them to a win over Ginninderra in their second match of the day.

"I quite like the two games in a day though, it gives it a bit of atmosphere, and it's nice knowing if you don't win in the morning then you can bounce back in the afternoon," Murn said, "or alternatively, you could have a really bad day, couldn't you?"

Sunday's double-header caps off a hectic week for Murn, who top-scored for the ACT Comets with 90 in their return to the national second XI competition against Western Australia at the WACA Ground during the week.

The scorecard doesn't look flattering - a loss by an innings and 188 runs never does. But Murn can find so many positives in captain Hanno Jacobs' "baptism of fire" and the platform built by coaches Jono Dean and Mick Delaney.

"It was my first game at second XI level, I was one of those seven debutants. I knew it was going to be a big step up and it was," Murn said.

"Watching the way the WA guys went about it with bat and ball really showed us how good you need to be at that level. It wasn't so much that they were able to do things our guys couldn't, they were just consistent for long periods. They're clearly used to playing games over four days, whereas we rarely play more than two days."

"Hopefully we see the team just getting better and better as the year goes on. It's quite an exciting time to be a young ACT cricketer, so hopefully that's also an opportunity a lot of the guys in the comp are looking at and trying to work towards."

# 'Bowl like Jeff Thomson': Stars teenager eyes speed record

**WBBL**

Scott Bailey

MILLY Illingworth spent her childhood copying old videos of Jeff Thomson and now the Melbourne Stars teenager wants to reach speeds no woman has ever been clocked at before.

One of the few shining lights for the Stars in a largely disappointing WBBL campaign, 18-year-old Illingworth has turned heads with her raw pace in her rookie season.

Short in stature but big on



Milly Illingworth, second from right. Picture AAP

pace and bounce, Illingworth's first ball in the WBBL registered at 121kmh last month and she has regularly hurried up rivals ever since.

The question now is how fast can Illingworth go? South African Shabnim Ismail has the highest recorded speed in the

women's game at 128kmh, with no reliable indicator of a quick having yet reached the 130-mark.

But Illingworth believes it is possible, confident there is still a lot of speed left in her.

"Even though I don't really look at speed guns, it's something I'd like to achieve," the teenager said.

"I think if I put my work in the gym and the off-season, I think I can hopefully get there with a bit of a smoother technique. I hope to grow ... I hope I'm still getting quicker."

Illingworth lists Ismail as one of her heroes given the way she is able to bowl at speed while operating at a similar height.

And, unsurprisingly, fellow slingers Shaun Tait and Lasith Malinga are other players Illingworth has looked up to.

But it is Thomson whose action has had the biggest impact on her career, after Illingworth studied old videos of him as a child to help iron out her technique.

Thomson is widely regarded as one of the fastest

bowlers in history, and was the first to register speeds above 160kmh in 1975.

"My dad pulled up YouTube when I was young and that's how it started," Illingworth said.

"To stop me bowling with a bent arm and no balls, he said, 'Bowl like Jeff Thomson and you won't you won't have that problem'."

A side-by-side shot of Illingworth and Thomson did the rounds during last year's under-19s World Cup, and the similarities in their actions were striking.

## Ingles' Magic overcome Giannis show

**Basketball:** Australian veteran Joe Ingles has got one over his previous NBA team as he helped the Orlando Magic to a 112-97 win against the visiting Milwaukee Bucks. The 36-year-old Ingles came off the bench to play 23 minutes, contributing five points, five assists and four rebounds for the Magic on Saturday night. Ingles spent last season with the powerhouse Bucks before becoming a free agent and landing a two-year, \$US22 million deal with the Magic.



## Flyers end Fire's WNBL winning streak

**Basketball:** Melbourne Boomers and Perth Lynx extended their winning starts to the WNBL season as Lauren Jackson's Southside Flyers ended Townsville's winning streak. The Boomers (3-0) rode Jordyn Canada's 20-point haul to a 95-80 away win over the Sydney Flames (1-2) on Sunday after the Lynx (2-0) had beaten Adelaide Lightning (1-2) for another victory at home. But it was the Flyers (2-1) who made the biggest statement and completed an impressive road double with their 75-74 win over the Fire (1-1).

# The games Raiders fans will circle in '24

## RUGBY LEAGUE

Melanie Dinjaski

BEFORE the 2024 NRL and NRLW draw is released on Monday morning, here are the games Canberra Raiders fans will want to get ready to circle.

### WHAT WE KNOW

Some NRL fixtures were already revealed by *The Canberra Times* prior to the official draw release on Monday.

The Raiders' first five games will be against the Newcastle Knights (away), Wests Tigers (home), New Zealand Warriors (away), Cronulla Sharks (away), and Parramatta Eels (home).

The round one rematch with the Knights will be an electric season-opener following Newcastle's resurgence, and their thrilling two-point elimination final win over Canberra that included a biting allegation.

Meanwhile, Magic Round will see the Green Machine play the Bulldogs in Brisbane and then for NRL Anzac Round, Canberra will play Cronulla.

In pre-season the Raiders will also play trials against Parramatta at Kogarah on February 17 and the North Queensland Cowboys on February 25 in Canberra.

### RECRUITS' DEBUTS

Jack Wighton's departure to Redfern opens the door for a new No.6 to step up for the Raiders next season, and Kaeo Weekes and Ethan Strange are the top contenders.

Weekes came from Man-



Canberra Raiders' new recruit Kaeo Weekes. Picture by Keegan Carroll

ly, and he's already said he wants to lock in the role for round one. Whoever convinces coach Ricky Stuart they're deserving of the fifth-eighth spot, all eyes will be on how Wighton's replacement performs in round one in Newcastle.

Other new recruits to watch will be former Knights utility Simi Sasagi and English prop Morgan Smithies.

### GAME 300 FOR PAPS

There were unforgettable

scenes when Raiders legend Jarrod Croker notched his 300th game last season, and now a similar celebration could be in store for Josh Papali'i.

The Raiders front-rower has played 282 games and next season he can become the 50th player in NRL history to reach the milestone.

After an injury-plagued 2023, Papali'i has vowed to be a top prop in the game again, but told *The Canberra Times* earlier this month he's

undecided whether he will take up his 2025 option to remain in the capital, or test the market.

### JACK IN CANBERRA

The Rabbitohs are expected to visit Canberra on a wet July weekend late next year, where Jack Wighton will play against his old club.

It'll be a strange sight for Raiders fans that have watched Wighton play 242 games in green, and how the Canberra faithful welcome

him back to town will be intriguing.

### FIFITA SPECULATION

The curious case of David Fifita never seems to end as recent reports suggest the Titan is technically a free agent with a player option on his contract for 2024 and 2025.

Despite extending with the Titans for another three years in August, a contract clause could give Fifita until round 10 next season to decide if he will remain on the

Gold Coast for 2025 or move elsewhere. The clause is reportedly designed to give Fifita time to determine if he is comfortable working under new coach Des Hasler, after Justin Holbrook's sudden sacking last season.

Canberra were chasing Fifita before he extended with the Titans, so after recent developments, expect the powerful second-rower to be a much-discussed topic when the Raiders play the Titans in 2024.

# Goulding fires as Melbourne United ruin rivals' big day

## BASKETBALL

Shayne Hope

MELBOURNE United have reaffirmed their status as NBL title favourites with Chris Goulding and Jo Luai-Acul Jr the stars in a tough 92-83 victory over city rivals South East Melbourne Phoenix.

Former NBA guard John Wall and tennis ace Nick Kyrgios were part of the

Phoenix ownership group sitting courtside in a sold-out 10,175-strong crowd at John Cain Arena on Sunday - the largest attendance in the club's short history.

But they left disappointed as Goulding landed six three-point daggers amid a game-high 27 points and Luai-Acul (26 points, 11 rebounds) contributed a double-double to send Melbourne (9-2) clear on

top of the ladder. United guard Shea Ili (12 points, four assists) was important despite finding foul trouble and Flynn Cameron put up 14 points off the bench, including 4-for-6 shooting from long range.

A depleted United line-up stood tall without sidelined stars Matthew Dellavedova (calf), Luke Travers (head knock) and Ian Clark (hamstring).

"Other people can step in to keep the identity of who we want to be," Melbourne coach Dean Vickerman said.

"It was always going to be (about) could we get Jo (Luai-Acul) and CG (Goulding) really effective shots."

"But I thought they both hunted the great shots that we wanted from them tonight and everybody was willing to accept that."

"We could've easily rolled

over a little bit at different times but this group just had an absolute hunger to keep gutting it out."

Neither side led by more than a single-figure margin throughout a tight encounter as Melbourne left the door open with poor shooting from the charity stripe (16-for-26).

Star import Alan Williams had 14 points and seven rebounds for South

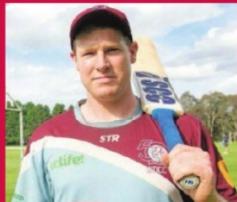
East Melbourne but was 0-for-5 from the field in the crucial fourth period before fouling out for the third straight game.

Mitch Creek (19 points) started early with 14 first-half points but struggled to have an impact on the offensive end after half-time.

Craig Moller (12 points, nine rebounds) and Gary Browne (16 points) helped keep the Phoenix in it.

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Comets, double-header keep cricketers busy

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Cam Bancroft is the leading contender to climb into the Australian team. Picture AAP

# Manuka battle to replace Warner



## CRICKET

Caden Helmers

MANUKA Oval could become the site of a shoot-out to determine David Warner's replacement at the top of the order for the Australian Test team this summer.

Cricket Australia chair of selectors George Bailey is

set to meet with Tony Dode-maide and Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese to settle on next month's Prime Minister's XI squad.

The Prime Minister's XI's four-day fixture against Pakistan at Manuka Oval from December 6 is the final first class game on the calendar before the Test summer and

Big Bash begin. Warner is set to retire from Test cricket as one of Australia's greatest following the SCG Test in January, leaving a void before a two-Test series against the West Indies and a tour of New Zealand.

Cam Bancroft has emerged as the favourite to replace Warner, scoring

458 runs at 76.33 during the Sheffield Shield this season. The WA opener finished almost 300 clear of the next best last season.

Bancroft could use the Prime Minister's XI fixture as his final audition, while Matt Renshaw, Marcus Harris and Henry Hunt have all been floated in Test discussions.

"The timing of the match comes at an important stage of the summer with five home Tests and two away in New Zealand," Bailey said, with tickets on sale from Monday.

"We've seen some strong individual performances to start the Sheffield Shield season and with another round

left before the squad will be selected, we are looking forward to seeing players continue to put their hands up for selection.

"Opportunities to face international opposition like this are rare and taken seriously, and as such we are looking to select a strong and highly talented squad."



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